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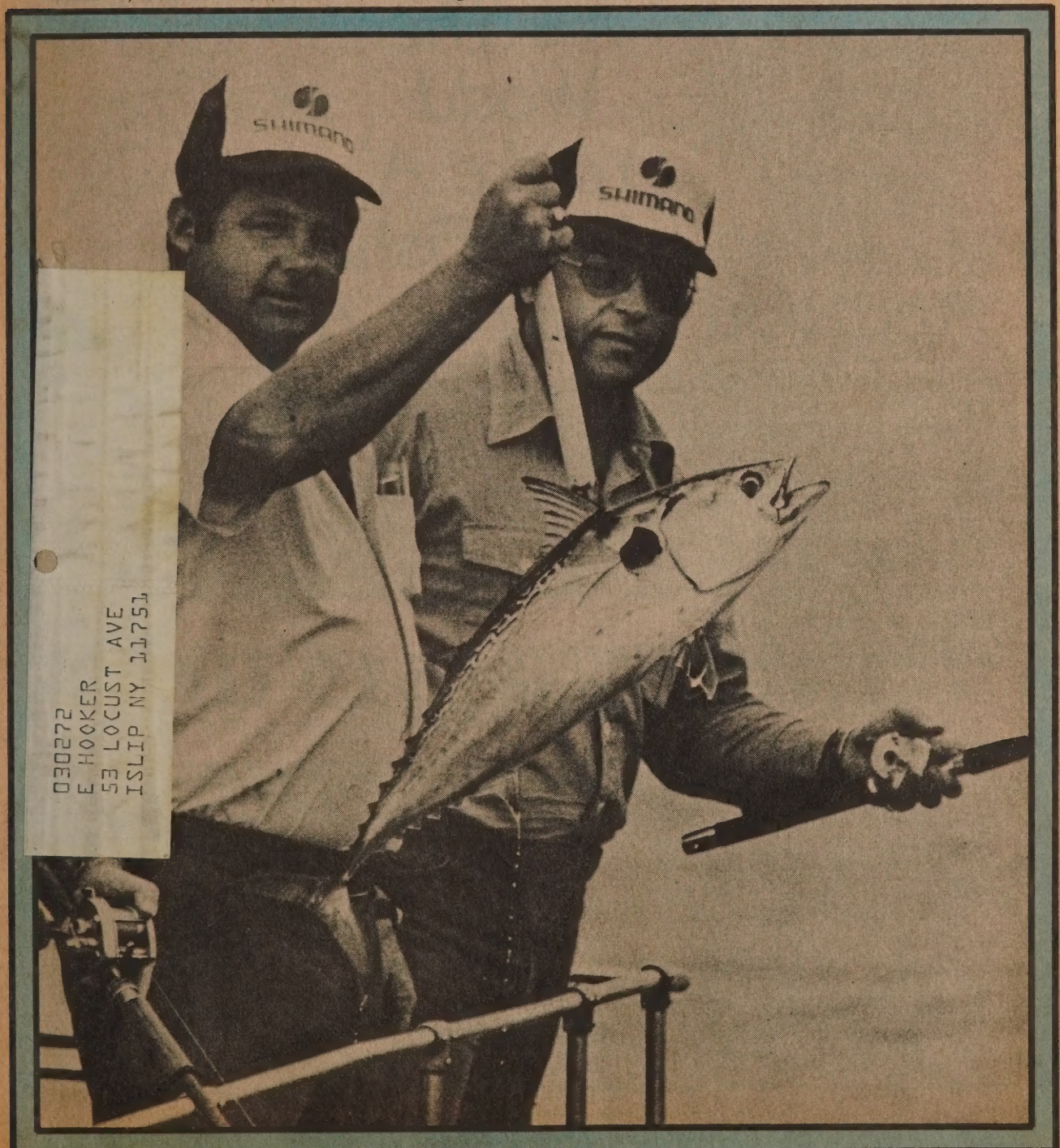

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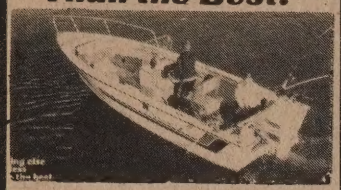

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You do not have to own a boat to take this 12-week course. Subjects taught are boat handling, seamanship and common emergency procedures, aids to navigation, rules of the road, compass and chart use, running lights and equipment, and trailering. Again, registration for this course will take place at 7:30PM on Monday, September 19th at the Seaford Junior High School Cafeteria, Washington Ave., Seaford, New York.

HOUSE BILL PROPOSES FUEL TAX TO FUND RECREATIONAL FISHERY PROGRAMS

Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, called for hearings of the full Committee last month to consider H.R. 2163 which would cause the Treasury Department to devote revenues from federal taxes imposed on motorboat fuel to boating safety, education and kindred purposes. With the latest five cents tax increase the total federal tax on fuel at the fuel pump is nine cents per gallon. Receipts should amount to more than $85 million annually. H.R. 2163 will authorize the Department of Transportation to provide up to $20 million in matching funds for "state education, law enforcement, public access, and assistance programs to enhance recreational boating safety." Up to $15 million will go to the Coast Guard for operating expenses incurred in providing services to recreational boaters and the balance will go to the Dingell-Johnson program.

Up to now the Dingell-Johnson program has been funded by receipts from a three percent tax on the sale of fishing gear. H.R. 2163 will broaden the base of this tax to include certain additional items such as electric trolling motors, fish finders and tackle boxes. In the past many sport fishermen have complained that the formula for distributing D-J funds

discriminates against the small populous states of the East Coast. They have said also that in many states few D-J funds go to saltwater programs. H.R. 2163 will not change the distribution formula; however, there is language in the act supposedly requiring that saltwater programs receive funds proportionate to the number of saltwater fishermen in the state. Since most states have no license or other means of counting saltwater anglers, enforcement of this provision should be troublesome. Nevertheless, in most states fishery research, habitat enhancement and recreational fishing access programs beneficial to marine recreational fishing are unfunded because the states are unable or unwilling to find money for them.

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DEC RESEARCH VESSEL COMMISSIONED

Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Henry G. Williams presided today at the commissioning ceremony of the Research Vessel DAVID H. WALLACE, at Great River, Long Island. The vessel has been named for the late David H. Wallace, who served as Director of the DEC Division of Marine Resources from 1962 to 1971.

Commissioner Williams said, "David Wallace established a standard of leadership in his years with the Department and his colleagues of those days have been inspired ever since by his example. After leaving the Department of Environmental Conservation, he reached a high position in the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration... We are proud that Dave Wallace worked with us. His career is a model of accomplishment in fishery biology and administration. And we want to add to the honor of his name by christening our new research vessel the DAVID H. WALLACE."

Mrs. David H. Wallace christened the vessel. Two sons, Stephen Wallace and David Wallace, attended the ceremony and along with Mrs. Wallace presented the Commissioner and the present Director of the Division of Marine Resources, Gordon C. Colvin, a marine clock to be installed in the cabin.

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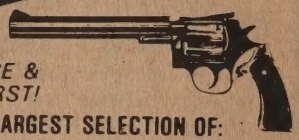

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The Southampton Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Striped Bass and Bluefish Tournament, October 19-23 (Wednesday through Sunday).

First prize in the Bass Tournament is $700. First Prize in the Bluefish Tournament is $300.

Additional prizes and trophies will be awarded in both tournaments. Proceeds from the events will go to the Southampton Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fund.

Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

Speck's Bait & Tackle, 1738 North Hihgway (Rt. 27), Southampton.

C. Altenkirch & Son, Montauk Highway at the Shinnecock Canal, Hampton Bays.

Bayview Marine & Tackle, Bay Street, Sag Harbor.

Tickets are $75 per boat for the bass tournament and $25 per boat for the bluefish tournament.

Bass boats will receive two tickets, and bluefish boats will receive one ticket to a Cocktail Party to be held at the John Duck Restaurant, Prospect & North Main Streets, Southampton.

Rules for both tournaments will be available at the designated fishing stations on registration.

DEC ACQUIRES NEW PATROL BOAT FOR L.I. SOUND

The N.Y.S. DEC Division of Law Enforcement in Region 1 has recently acquired a new boat for patrolling Long Island Sound. The 25 foot Mako outboard replaces an ancient, surplus inboard that had more than its share of problems in the past few years.

The boat, dedicated by Commissioner Hank Williams in August, is fully equipped with twin 150 hp engines, Loran, VHF radio and a depth finder. Funded entirely by the Conservation Fund, the boat's price tag was nearly $36,000.

Piloted by Environmental Conservation Officer Arthur D. Christ, the boat will be used to patrol Long Island Sound from Huntington to Orient Point and will help the Division of Law Enforcement cover a much larger area than ever before. In the past—due to the slowness of the old boat—the patrol area was limited.

The boat will be named in honor of retired Lieutenant Arthur Christ—father of the current pilot. During nis

30-year career as an environmental conservation officer on Long Island, Christ influenced the development of New York State Marine District laws.

COURSE FOR YOUNG BOATERS

A free, four-lesson, New York State course of Young Boaters, age 10-16, will be sponsored by Flotilla 13-2, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes will begin at 8PM, September 14th at Berner High School, Massapequa.

Successful completion of this course and final exam will give the boy or girl a New York state license which is mandatory for operating a power boat.

For further information contact, Frank Carollo, (516) 798-7029.

MUSEUM MOUNT OF GIANT GREAT WHITE SHARK BEING DONE BY FISH UNLIMITED TAXIDERMY

The 2,770 pound, 14' 5'' long great white caught recently in Long Island Sound by Greg Dubrule is on its way to immortality. The Connecticut Museum of Natural History has contracted with Fish Unlimited Taxidermy of West Babylon, to make a full mount of the shark for perpetual display at the museum. The price they will be paying for the job is $15,000. Jeff, the boss man at Fish, etc., says that contrary to other reports, the fish had not been the recipient of a death-dealing shotgun blast. It had one harpoon dart in it, which Jeff removed, and another hole where the dart had pulled out. Jeff's crew of six people worked 30 hours non-stop on the mold, which he says came out fantastic, and that it looks like this will be the most spectacular great white shark ever re-created. Everyone is invited to drop in and see the original set of jaws at his shop, located at 207 Rt. 109, W. Babylon.

CARLTON ANNOUNCES COALITION CONSERVATION AWARDS

The Golden Swordfiksh Award is presented periodically by the Board of Directors of the National Coalition for Marine Conservation to acknowledge the special contribution of individuals and/or groups to the cause of marine conservation, and to demonstrate to the recipients that their efforts have been recognized and appreciated by the conservation community.

This year Awards were presented to: Dick Russell, for his excellent and influential articles on the striped bass issue and his work on behalf of striper conservation in New England and New York. Emmett Bailey, for promoting the release of black drum and other game species in Chesapeake Bay and the conservation ethic in general; and Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Daiwa Corporation of Gardena, California, for their unparalleled generosity in support of conservation programs across the country.

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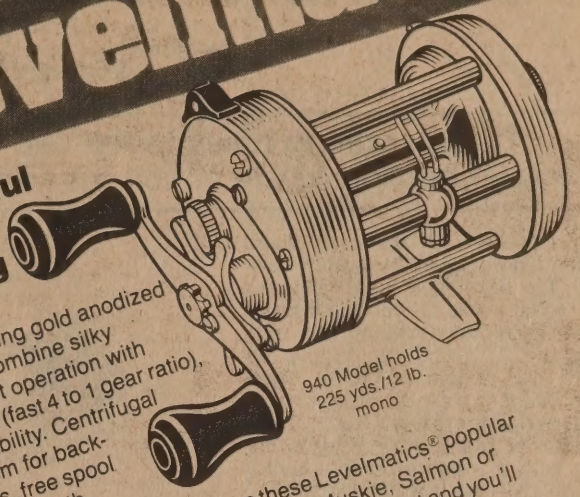

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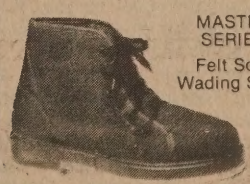

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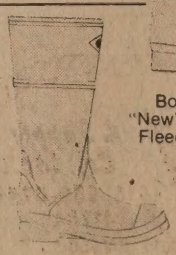

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BACK TO SCHOOL BLUES

by Gerald Hahn

Those scrappy blues in the two to four pound range are often a sure bet to provide action for surfmen working south shore inlets.

During the early 1970s, large blues were commonly taken by surfcasters on both the north and south shores, but in recent years school blues have replaced them. One reason for this change is the dwindling supply of bunker, the alligator blues' filet mignon. Bunker were so prevalent in those days that surfcasters could even snag them at night, simply by blind casting with a weighted treble hook, and fresh bait was always available.

Since then, bunker populations have declined severely, no thanks to the commercial purse seiners, and today's predominant baitfish is the sand eel, a skinny though extraordinarily abundant prey. Sand eels, as the name suggests, can burrow in the sandy ocean floor, where they hide from predators. Possessing narrow bodies, moreover, sand eels also find protection in rock crevices and other littered bottom structures. Despite these attempts at elusiveness, however, they are so abundant that king-sized blues find them an easy target, even in deep water. By example, party boat skippers looking for chopper blues in 80 to 110 feet of water first look for signs of sand eels rising like Mt. Everest on their graph recorders. Blues brought out of these depths spit out sand eels on which they have been gorging. Thus, except for a short fall season, the inshore field is seldom the large blue's domain; it is the school blue's, however.

Jetty angler shows a typical schoolie bluefish.

School blues—tailors, snapper-blues, fish under four pounds—are often more obliging than large blues. They are so abundant in fact, especially in the fall, that surfcasters in the right place can catch them with almost anything. The right place may be a promontory on the Sound or a reachable sand bar in the Atlantic, but perhaps the most lucrative place of all is at or near an inlet.

An inlet may be defined as any relatively narrow passageway between two bodies of water. The inlet's swift currents draw baitfish and predators. Some inlets, such as Shinnecock, Moriches, Jones and Democrat Pt. on the south shore, are defined by rock jetties, from which anglers gain casting distance to offshore bars and deep channels. The north shore's inlets boasts jetties as well, at Shoreham and Mattituck. Other inlets are found at the mouths of rivers, creeks and harbors, at such places as Crab Meadow, the Nissequogue and Lloyd Harbor. Bays leading to smaller bodies of water also possess inlets; Hog Creek Pt. and Maidstone Beach in Gardiner's Bay and Sebonac Neck and Towd Pt. in Peconic come to mind. For all these places have swift currents through which abundant invertebrates and baitfish are swept and predatory fish pursuing them.

Most inlet fishermen consider themselves jetty jockeys, anglers who favor rocks to sand, and many of them head to the inlet's entrance. Often overlooked, however, are the quiet back sides of the inlets. For example, Moriche's east jetty has a tide rip along the bay side, with deep water close by, where blues of all sizes can be found at night. Similarly, the Jones Inlet jetty offers solid potential from the radio shack to the tip of the jetty. I've taken more school blues closer to shore than off the entrances of Shoreham's and Shinnecock's west jetties. As the tide recedes at some of these back-side spots, however, water is drained, and then anglers head to the entrances. Thus, an inlet should be thoroughly explored.

So should the waters adjacent to an inlet. A deep hole, for instance, is easily reached from the beach, just west of Shinnecock Inlet, and a bar is evident off a sand point less than a quarter of a mile to the west. Moriche's "cut two" boasts a similar configuration, as do Cedar Beach and the Sore Thumb, celebrated partners for many years.

Inlet blues are a delight to catch because, for the most part, the angler can use light tackle. Since deep water is close to the jetty, tournament-grade casting is not necessary, and the fish, moreover, are small enough to sling onto the rocks. Thus, a seven or an eight foot rod with a medium

spinning reel filled with 10 pound test is a perfectly adequate outfit. However, it is wise to add a 15 pound test shocker to the line with a blood knot; the shocker withstands abrasion on the sharp rocks below and provides extra strength to lift a fish. Many people add a flexible wire leader to the shocker, about 6 to 12 inches long, for a measure of security against the bluefish's sharp teeth. And since the wire leader also possesses a snap, the angler can change lures quickly.

The most popular lures for school blues are made of metal weighing about 3/4 to 1½ ounces: Hopkins, Kastmaster, Krocodile, and assorted diamond jigs and spoons. Some of these lures are dressed with white bucktails or colorful split-tail tubes whereas others are left unadorned. Actually, it makes little difference when school blues are in a feeding frenzy; they'll eat anything then. When the fish scatter, however, nothing works better than an all-white leadhead bucktail weighing 3/8 to 5/8 ounces. The lure digs deep and continues finding blues.

Other effective lures are small three inch floating and diving plugs, including jointed models, by Rebel, Rapala, Cordell, MirrOlure, etc. Any of these plugs, with a black, blue or green top and a white or silver belly, is a good choice for inlet blues. Occasionally, small poppers are effective as well.

Remarkable though the bluefishing is in the fall, there are days nonetheless, when blues are scarce, and lures worked through every level of water are ineffective. For this reason, experienced surfcasters always bring a supply of bait.

Bait fishing for blues may not be the most exciting kind of fishing, but often it's the most effective. Anglers looking for large blues use chunks of bunker or mackerel, live eels and live fish fry. An 8/0 beak or O'Shaughnessy hook on a single strand wire leader, about six inches long, is typically used. The leader comes with a barrel swivel, which is connected to the running line—in this case, 20 pound test and heavier gear—with an improved clinch knot. Then a bank sinker of suitable weight is added, by connecting it to a piece of weak monofilament, about eight inches long. The line is tied to the upper eye of the swivel with another improved clinch knot and to the sinker with an end loop. When fishing with chunk bait in the ocean's surf, a five or six ounce pyramid sinker will hold bottom. Chunk baits are two inch thick steaks hooked through the skin and near the backbone.

Bunker and mackerel, however, are best used as strip baits when fishing for school blues. Fillets cut from the dorsal side and divided into 1x3s are like the old advertising jingle, "bite-sized and ready to eat." A smaller hook, such as a 3/0 beak or claw, or a 2/0 bonito hook, should be employed. The strip is hooked twice near one end, so that the other end dangles seductively in the current. Strip baits can be cut from almost any fish. A friend of mine has proved this over and over again, by catching blues up to 10 pounds with strips of sea robin.

Live eels and live-lined fish fry, including flounder, blackfish, porgies, sea robins and bergalls, are usually employed by anglers looking for chopper blues, but cut pieces of dead eels and smaller baitfish will take school blues. For example, the baits one ordinarily uses for catching weakfish and fluke—spearing, sand eels, smelts, strips of squid and the like—are the right size for school blues. These small baits may be fished on the bottom or on top, with a small clinch sinker about a foot or two above the hook. Remember, jetty jockeys do not have to make long casts. Even beach fishermen can use light rigs, provided they leave the bail open after casting; the outgoing tide will carry the bait to deep water. Beach anglers, however, need heavier gear: 10 to 12 foot rods and large surf spinning reels filled with 15 pound test for the Atlantic, nine foot rods for the Sound.

The best hours for bluefishing, even in the fall, are at dawn, dusk, and night. Although cooler temperatures in the day often bring school blues close to shore, the greatest activity still takes place in low light, particularly around a tidal change. At many inlets, anglers favor the last of the outgoing tide for night fishing and the beginning of the same tide at dawn and dusk.

Fishing for school blues is a varied affair. Most people favor lures to bait, but different methods must be employed, depending on where and when you fish. For example, at dawn or dusk, anglers generally use quick retrieves accompanied by frenzied rod twitching when working metal lures and poppers at an inlet entrance. On the back side they may slow these lures down a bit. Bucktails are fished deep with long sweeps of the rod and a slightly slower retrieve. Perhaps the slowest retrieves are employed by anglers using swimming and diving plugs at night, when everything moves at a snail's pace. Bait fishing, of course, whether on top or bottom, is a static kind of fishing, and a rod tucked in a sand spike is almost as effective as a hand-held rod. In fact, a sand spikes frees the angler who also wants to work a lure.

The best month for bluefishing is October, although blues start becoming fidgety in early September and occasionally stay till mid-November. The first big northeaster usually sends them scurrying. It is the school bell signalling the school blues' fall vacation, the urge to head south.

Make your fishing vacation this fall. Many surf spots with excellent potential are readily available now that bathers and tourists are gone. And if you want to catch blues this fall, forget about the choppers and concentrate on the schoolies. No doubt you'll find them at an inlet.

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FLOUNDER:

SECOND TIME AROUND

by Lou Mauriello

Those who failed to get their fill of flatties last spring, get a second chance to stock the freezer as autumn descends on the Island.

With summer beginning to fade fast, we are slipping into a time of the year that has long been my favorite. It is now that I find pleasure in being out on the bays in search of fall run flounder. Mornings are usually cool and days warm enough to allow shirt sleeve fishing. The bay is void of those summer boaters who go zipping around in their high powered craft making life miserable for fishermen.

As temperatures drop, flounder return to the waters of our bays to feed. Later in the fall, when water temperatures get too cold for their liking, flatties will bury themselves in the mud in a semi-dormant state until the spring thaw. The period of time from when they return until they hibernate can produce some fine fishing for those in the know. These flounder are not the thin ones we see in the spring, but rather are fat little critters who have been eating all year.

Where you sometimes have to coax spring run flounder to hit your bait, it is unusual not to have the same fish in the fall, hit your bait with wild abandon. We must remember, though, we are still dealing with a fish that will average about a pound in weight and we must not go searching for them using tackle that would be more at home on a party boat in search of slammer blues.

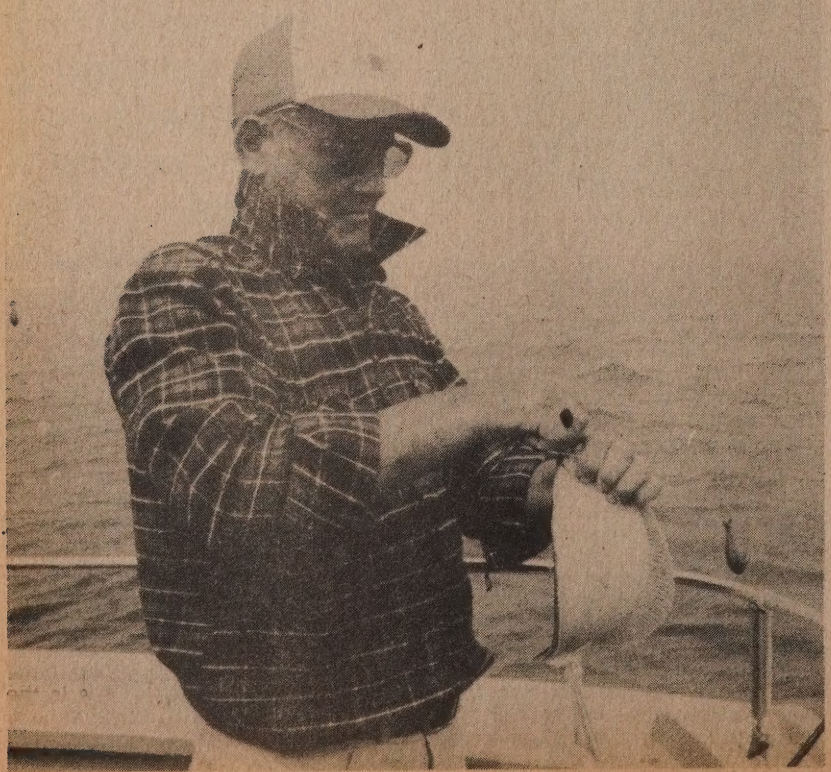
Over the years, I have found that the same tackle I employ for spring flounder is about right for most of my bay fishing, including fishing for fall flounder. This tackle consists of a light, seven foot spinning rod with a balanced reel loaded with eight or ten pound test monofilament line. Another favorite of mine is a six foot worm rod blank mounting a light, level wind conventional reel filled with 12 or 15 pound test monofilament. Both of these rods have very light tips, which will make you feel even the lightest nibble of a fish, yet they have enough backbone to help you to whip a double header of big flounder or the occasional blackfish that might decide to come along.

The sinkers used will vary on the tidal condition of a particular day but I usually get by with a two ounce bank sinker, which is attached by way of an overhand loop.

Hooks hould be only an inch or two above your sinker, as flounder are bottom feeders and that is where your bait must be if you want to catch your share of them. I like to attach my hooks, which are tied in tandem, by way of a dropper loop. At no time do I nor any of my friends use hardware on our lines. As far as I'm concerned, hardware has no place on a fishing line. If you have any of those spreaders at home, consider using them to hang your kid's clothes on. Remember, the simple rig catches fish.

As far as the actual hook is concerned, any commercially tied Chestertown in size 8 or 9 will do quite nicely but my personal preference is the Sproat hook in size 6. I tie these hooks with a small plastic corn kernel on the leader, which is 20 pound test. What it is about that plastic kernel, I can't say for sure, but it sure does work. I've seen days when a "corn rig" will out fish plain hooks three and four to one. I like to think the plastic kernel resembles a piece of bank mussel and thus attracts the flounder. Who knows, as long as it works!

Aside from the spots I fish, the one major difference between my spring and fall flounder fishing is my preference in the bait department. In the spring, I constantly have to worry about my wife serving me my walking papers because I am constantly messing up the house while shucking fresh bank mussels, which are the supreme flounder bait at that time of



Fat and sassy flatties are the rule during the fall.

year. In the fall though, I have marital bliss (well, almost) as my favorite bait is red dyed clams. I buy these at my local bait shop, already dyed and in plastic containers. They are frozen but work quite well when they are thawed out and cut in pieces about two inches long by a quarter inch wide. Just run the hook through this bait about two or three times and make sure some of the clam hangs off the hook as an attractor and you are in business. Of course, you can make this bait at home and it is really quite simple. Just get hold of some fresh skimmer or chowder clams and cut them into the size pieces mentioned before. Place these pieces in a container (don't use your wife's Corning Ware), and just add a few drops of red food dye at a time until you have reached the desired color. That's all there is to it.

Because we all know how finicky flounder can be in their feeding, I also like to include at least a dozen blood worms as bait in the fall. These squirming critters have saved the day on more than one occasion when the flounder decided to change their diet on a change of tide. Wth these, as with the clams, cut them in pieces of 1½ to 2 inches in length and work these pieces up your hook, but remember to leave a bit dangling in the tide.

As always, chum is an important part of flounder fishing. At this time of year, I tend to stick with frozen clam chum logs and canned corn. No special reason. Just that it works and I don't want to be bothered with mussels. As for the corn, buy the cheapest brand in the store; the fish don't know the difference. Try to remember one important thing. When throwing the corn into the water, throw it ahead of your boat so that it will settle on the bottom under your stern. Chum won't do you much good if it's attracting the fish 50 feet behind your baited hooks.

Aside from the difference in bait at this time of year, I've found there is also a difference in the spots to be fished. Where the fish are moving from east to west in the spring, the reverse is true in the fall. Fall flounder are coming through Jones Inlet and are on their way to their wintering locations in the deep holes off Seaford, Massapequa and points east. It is because of this eastward movement that I start my fall flounder fishing just east of the Meadowbrook span across Sloop Channel. From here, as the season progresses, I will work my way into the upper reaches of Haunt's Creek and spots across from the Jones Beach fishing piers. All of the time, I am fishing in about 12 feet of water which the fish seem to prefer. Last year (fall of '82) I finished up my season, according to my fishing log, on December 5th by catching 37 keepers near Four Corners, right outside of Seaford Creek. The only reason I quit then is because my wife convinced me we should do some Christmas shopping.

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Another thing I discovered last year that makes fall flounder fishing very attractive are those dungeness or rock crabs that I had been throwing back for years. Last fall, one of my local dealers told me they are actually quite good to eat and let me tell you, he was right. These crabs are a medium brown on the top of the shell and a very light tan on the bottom. They are not shy about grabbing a piece of clam or worm intended for a flounder and can usually be lifted into the boat without the assistance of a net. I boil these crabs and remove the meat from their oversized claws and serve it on a bed of lettuce with a bit of homemade cocktail sauce as an appetizer to a fresh fish dinner. A word of advice though: only keep the larger crabs as the smaller ones make the removal of meat almost impossible.

Hopefully, this fall, you will enjoy some fine flounder fishing. All the indications are there as we had a fine spring season and there were fish to be had most of the summer. Just remember to throw the little ones back unharmed so they can grow to be caught another day. And please, keep only what you intend to eat or freeze for future consumption. Don't let these finest of table fare end up in the garbage pail. Remember, this is the last chance to stock the freezer with tasty fillets before those icy blasts of winter descend upon us; so use these days well and enjoy.

A TALE OF YORE

by Matt Ahern

Our resident "old timer" relates one of those trips that even time cannot tarnish.

Several weeks ago I was sea bass fishing on the Jenny-Rose out of Shinnecock Canal. We were fishing an offshore wreck and bailing fish with little difficulty. Everyone seemed happy. Jimmy the mate moved in beside me and said: "Tell me, Matt, was codfishing in the old days as good as you write about it?"

Well, I was taken aback by his doubt, but then I realized that some of my old time stories sure seem a little difficult to swallow, so I let it go at that. "Sure they were," I replied. I didn't elaborate because the bass fishing was going great guns and occupying all my time.

Anyway, I figure this would be a good opportunity to tell you of the greatest codfishing day I ever witnessed. I've written about it before (several years ago), but it won't hurt to go over it again, if only for the benefit of our new readers—it's bound to generate interesting comments, and all that.

Are you listening, Jimmy? This one is for you and all the guys.

No one need remind us that winter codfishing in the New York Bight is a far cry from the way it was. There's no question codfishing has undergone a decline from the days of plenty (although there has been some improvement these past few years). This sudden decline was due chiefly to the willing cooperation of the now departed, detente-happy foreign fishing fleets. But no one, not even those foreign rapists, is about to fish the ocean dry. There will always be cod for persevering codfishermen. There will be occasional outstanding catches made this coming winter, and there will still be excellent codfishing for the private boat fisherman who knows his stuff. Of that I'm sure.

But all this is neither here nor there. What we're interested in right now is the way it was for the codfisherman of, say a half-century ago. The overall fishing was good—there's no doubt of that; there's no need to gild the lily. I can recall no fisherman of my acquaintance ever being disappointed once the basics were learned, yet there were many days when codfishing left much to be desired. Should anyone tell you differently, should anyone tell you everyday was a bonanza, reach for that proverbial grain of salt—it just wasn't so.

The average "good day" produced 10 or 12 cod per fisherman; the not-so-good day brought anywhere from one to four. But then to compensate for our "poor" days, there were those which produced super-duper fishing. These are the tales beginning cod fishermen hear much about. These exceptional days were good for 20 or more cod per fisherman. Certainly, this was the frosting on the cake.

Ever hear of one fisherman catching 105 cod on hook and line? All in one day? I saw it happen. I was there.

But before we get into exactly what happened, and for better understanding of what is to follow, let me first go over the way we used to codfish in those days.

When I first began party boat codfishing (back about 1925, or so), we fished only two types of bottom: rock-cluttered and open. I do not recall wreck fishing for cod until many years later. There may have been wreck-fishing cod boats at the time, but if so, I was unaware of them. The only wreck fishing we did those days was during summer for sea bass and porgies (our fall blackfishing was always done on the offshore rock piles). We did do a little wreck fishing for doormat fluke during fall, too.

Much of our codfishing was done on the Cholera Bank, with occasional forays to the offshore Sea Bright grounds, or perhaps drifting around the old Ambrose Lightship. Exactly when to fish the latter two areas depended upon experimental reports. Sea Bright usually produced well starting about the third week in November, and the month of December found cod on Ambrose. But the Cholera Bank was good from mid-November until real cold weather shut down the fishery, say about mid-January.

We didn't have the sophisticated tackle available today—and more's the pity. At the time, handlines were still in common use, but rods of lancewood, bathbara, greenheart, and double-enamel split bamboo were appearing on the scene in rapid order. Many fishermen, and I was one, used converted hickory pool cues for codfishing. (I spent my first three codfishing years with a handline.)

Most reels in use were wooden sidewinders, although revolving-spool types were not unknown by a long shot. Who made these metal reels I no longer recall—Pfluger I believe was one, and the vom Hofe, made by the Edward vom Hofe Company was another. The vom Hofe was the Rolls-Royce of fishing reels; just plain beautiful in action and appearance.

Those days we fishermen filled our reels—both sidewinder and revolving type—with braided white Irish linen. There was some green-dyed stuff available, but I saw little of it in use. Why, I don't know, for it certainly blended nicely with the water. The elite brand was known as Joe Jefferson, and you weren't with it if you didn't use it. We used nine thread line—each thread tested out to three pounds when dry—when wet I think it could have towed the QE2. But salt-water raised havoc with it—which is another story in itself. Just say that I'm thankful for today's monofilament and other synthetic lines.

Okay, with our background out of the way, let's proceed.

It was a damp, raw morning in late March, 1930. An east wind of 48 hours' duration had brought mist and gloom and showed no sign of abating, and, of course, for those two days, not a soul showed up to go fishing. It was long past our scheduled leaving time as Dick Persson, skipper of the Rose R II, Matty Horlick, the engineer-mate, and I stood on the Canarsie wharf debating if we should do the only sensible thing and call it a day. I say "I" but actually as a young man learning the ropes, I had no say in the matter.

The skipper had no intention of going fishing, but he knew it would look better to be on hand just in case someone did show. Dick felt disappointment would be softened if a fisherman found someone on hand with whom he could discuss the matter. A sort of misery loves company thing. I guess you might say psychology wasn't unknown to the layman of those days. Dick felt this kept disappointed passengers if not happy, at least not too sorrowful, for many were much in need of sympathy as they railed and ranted against those fishing gods who so impishly ruined their day.

Well, anyway, an hour or so past our usual leaving time of 7:15, we were ready to pack it in. But not quite. Out of the swirling mist appeared five hell-bent-for-leather fishermen, each complete with tackle and foul-weather gear. When told we weren't sailing because of the poor weather, those five fishermen were indeed crest-fallen.

"Please, Captain Dick, take us out," they pleaded. "We've come all the way from Perth Amboy, New Jersey."

Such a trip today is no big deal, but those days few fishermen were affluent enough to own automobiles. These fellows had come to Canarsie via public transportation, which meant ferry, buses, subway, and trolley car. It must have been a grueling trip and only the good Lord knows what time they started out.

Dick explained that the sea would be rough and instead of catching fish, they were more likely to catch a good case of seasickness. But this dire prediction meant nothing to these fishermen. They were willing to risk it. Captain Dick was an extremely softhearted man and I could see him weakening under some most eloquent pleading.

But what to do? I knew our bait supply was practically non-existent, consisting of a half pail of smelly conch leftover from a blackfishing trip we'd made several days before. And there was little chance of getting fresh bait. Our Roxbury bait man would never expect party boat business this day, and hopes of coming across him in the bay were slim indeed.

But fresh bait or no fresh bait, Captain Dick made his decision. "Okay, boys, get aboard. We'll go to the inlet and take a look. We'll make up our minds from there."

And we were off on a trip I'll never forget.

What morning rain there had been wasn't much to begin with, and it ceased altogether as we approached the inlet. Not good—but not bad, either. We continued on. So far, so good. Even the wind showed signs of lessening as we entered the ocean and came abreast of the bell buoy. There was also a general brightening of the sky, which under the circumstances, and as long as the wind stayed in the east, could mean anything. We put no faith in it but were thankful enough for the change. We decided to continue on.

Out beyond the bell buoy we found the seas not too bad, but it was no mill pond. "We'll go over to Ambrose Light," Dick told me. "We'll pick up a few ling and that will be it. We should have an easy day."

I told our five passengers what to expect and they were happy enough about it. "Sure beats going home," I recall one fellow saying.

But we didn't get a ling that day.

What we got were cod, and more cod. There seemed no end to the cod.

The wind continued to diminish as we ploughed through some pretty heavy seas and when we reached the lightship, Dick decided to drift, saying anchoring would make our passengers sick in minutes.

Our bait, as I say, was that leftover smelly conch, but that didn't matter, for ling would readily accept it. Once we got a few fish on deck, I planned on slicing several into fresh bait.

Before I could get organized and do a little fishing for myself, one cod after another began to come up. Reach bottom, wait a second, and immediately a cod would latch on. I gaffed each fish as it came up, but the situation quickly got out of hand.

"Break out the handlines, Marty and pass 'em around," Dick told me. "Tell those fellers to put the rods aside. Gaff only the big fish; swing the others in."

This is what I did. However, I didn't use the gaff once after that. We swung aboard every fish unaided. Most of the cod averaged six to eight pounds, with an occasional fish to twelve. There seemed to be no end to those fish. How large that school was, I don't know. We must have been drifting at the same rate those cod were swimming under us. Never once did we drift out of the action.

Dick, using four handlines, two on each side, baited up with that smelly conch and lowered them to the bottom. Fish struck immediately. There was no need to set the hook; they hooked themselves in their greed. All Dick Persson did was go from one side of the boat to the other, remove his fish, and rebait. I set up two large barrels for his use alone and every one of his cod was placed in it. That's how I know his total catch that day was 105.

It was truly fantastic fishing. One of those New Jersey fishermen had never fished saltwater in his life, yet he managed to catch 39 or 49 cod. I no longer recall the exact number.

We returned about 3PM. The wind in the meantime had veered to northwest on the change of tide, and as we entered the bay, the sun popped out. On the wharf to greet us were dozens of fishermen and assorted spectators who had waited around to see what the only boat out had caught. Pandemonium reigned. No one had ever seen that many cod at one time. We couldn't even walk the deck without first pushing cod aside. We gave many of the fish away and marketed the rest.

The Rose R II certainly made the newspaper fishing columns the next day. But the story is not yet over.

Word of our record catch had quickly gotten around and the next morning we had so many fishermen aboard it looked like a fluke trip on the Fourth of July instead of a cod trip in late March.

We returned to Ambrose Lightship, but Dick knew our chances of repeating were slim indeed. He was right, too. One of the extra mates stood on the bow, made an experimental cast and immediately came up with a double-header. But that was it!

This time we did settle for ling.

So ends the tale of the greatest codfishing day I have ever experienced. As I say, our codfishing was usually pretty good, but to expect another day such as that would be a bit too much. However, as hope springs eternally in every fisherman's breast...one never knows.

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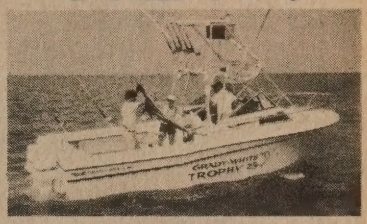

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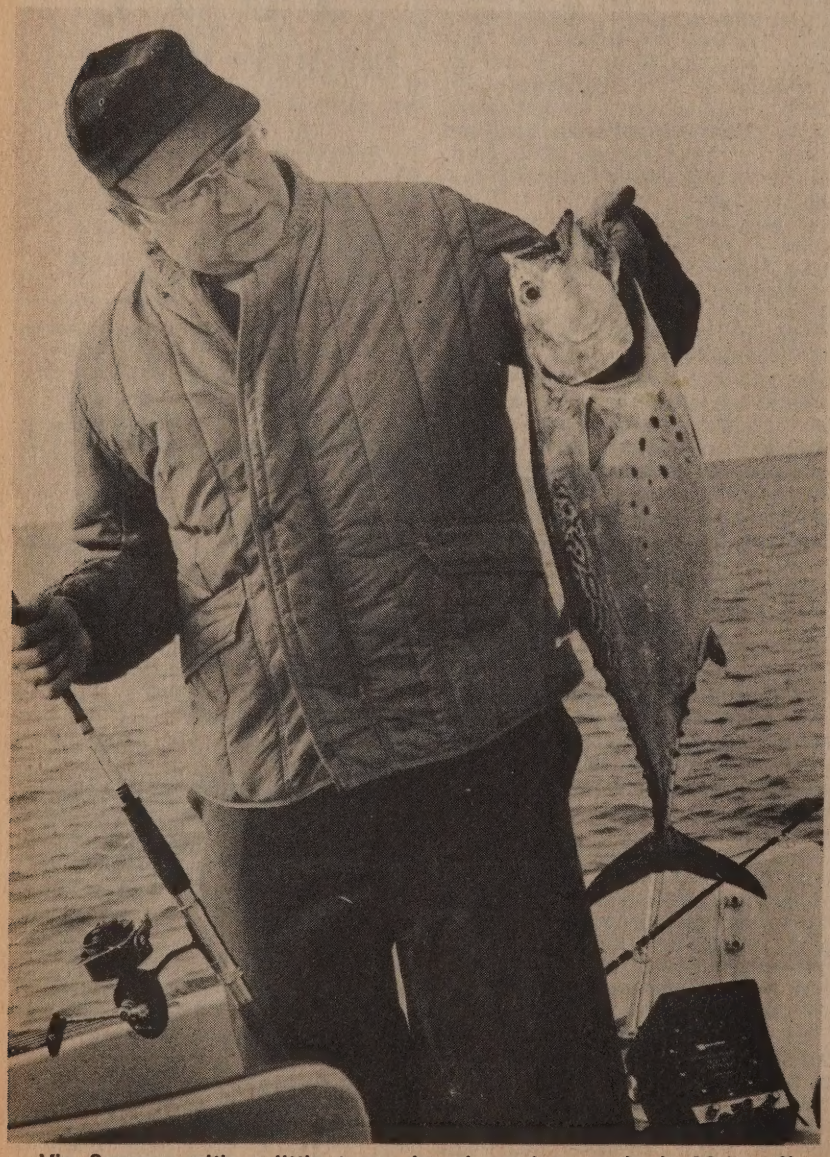
BIG FUN WITH "LITTLE TUNA"

by Al Ristori

The "inshore tunas" provide explosive action despite their smallish size within easy reach of Long Island ports.

While most of the attention goes to the giant bluefin and his cousins in the canyons (bigeyes, yellowfins and albacore), just about every local boat angler along our oceanfront has the opportunity to tangle with tunas right in his inshore "backyard" during September—and surf casters also occasionally get in a shot. The inshore tunas may not be monsters, but on a pound-for-pound basis they're probably just as much fun.



Vin Sparano with a little tunny he plugged on author's Mako off Montauk. Note sure signs of identification: spots under pectoral fin and wavy, worm-like markings on back.

Our real "inshore" tunas are the little tunny and Atlantic bonito. The school bluefin tuna and skipjack tuna are also often close enough to shore to rate a mention, and even the giant bluefin is a relatively shallow water fish. They're generally caught in depths of 100 to 200 feet, and I've seen them chase bunker almost onto the rocks in Narragansett Bay—and once saw a giant leap out of the water inshore of the Jones Inlet jetty. Even albacore and yellowfins tend to move in a bit during September, when waters are at their warmest. That's particularly the case to the east, where albacore have been caught this year just beyond the CIA Grounds (10 miles south of the Point) and yellowfin may be encountered 20 or 30 miles offshore. Only the bigeye sticks to deep waters at all times.

In adding the Atlantic bonito (**Sarda sarda**) to the "inshore tunas" I'm actually taking a little liberty with the scientific classification. The tunas and bonitos all belong to the family Scombridae and subfamily Scombrinae—along with the mackerel and Spanish mackerel. However, the true tunas are part of the tribe Thunnini, while the bonitos are of the tribe Sardini. In the past, both the skipjack and little tunny were often tagged with the name bonito—but they are true tunas, and the Atlantic bonito is the only member of that tribe in our area.

The identification of these species involves great difficulty for many anglers, though there is no reason that this should be so. The bonito tends to be slimmer than the tunas and is immediately identified by the five to eleven straight stripes that run from just below the lateral line backwards to the dorsal fins. The bonito **does not** have stripes or spots on the belly! Usually found in the same waters is the little tunny, a fish virtually unknown by its proper name in our area. This is the species commonly known as false albacore, and once called Atlantic spotted bonito. In the south and along the

Gulf Coast (where the Atlantic bonito isn't found), this fish is simply called "bonito." Probably no other species operates under so many completely inaccurate names, and the officially approved little tunny monicker is such a poor one that it's unlikely to ever catch on.

The little tunny is easily distinguished by the scattering of small spots under the pectoral fin. The lower flanks and belly are silvery white and the upper body is dark blue with wavy, worm-like markings above the lateral line and no further forward than about the middle of the first dorsal fin. The mouth is relatively small and filled with the typical small conical teeth of the tunas. The bonito has a larger mouth with fewer, but much more prominent, conical teeth. There's no confusing the little tunny (false albacore) with the true albacore. The latter is immediately identified by the great length of its pectoral fins, while the little tunny has a short, broad pectoral.

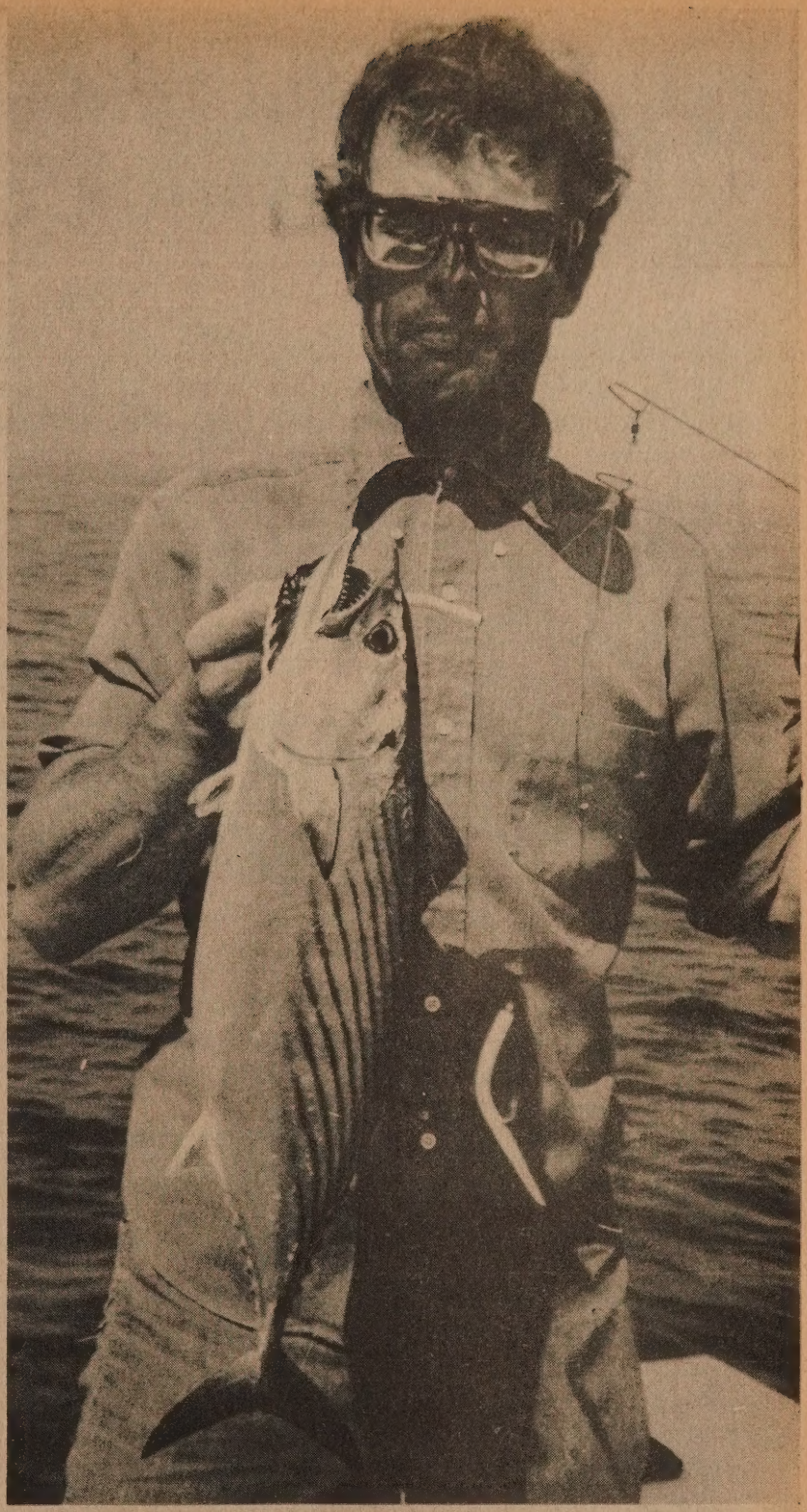
Proceeding a bit offshore, we may encounter the skipjack tuna. This species used to be burdened with the names oceanic bonito and Arctic bonito. It's readily identified by the "pajama pants" stripes on the lower flanks and belly. These four to six stripes start behind the pectoral fin and only reach the lateral line near the tail. There are no markings on the dark purplish blue back. The colorful yellowfin is easily distinguished from all of these tunas, as is the blander bluefin.

Just as a quick review, keep the following in mind:

Bonito—stripes on top; **Skipjack**—stripes on bottom; **Little tunny**—spots under pectoral fin, no stripes; and **Albacore**—very long pectoral fins.

It's during the month of September that we normally get our best shot at these various species. This is when the ocean waters are warmest and the tunas work closest to shore. Bonito are a particular favorite of western Long Island and northern New Jersey anglers as they move into chum slicks and provide great light tackle angling. A number of party and charter boats specialize in this fishing, actually avoiding bluefish in order to properly chum the bonito. Whereas straight bunker chum is all that's required for blues, bonito respond better when spearing are mixed in. Spearing are also used for bait on small hooks which are tied directly to light mono if the fish are picky. If there are too many blues about or the bonito are hitting well, you may be able to get away with a short piece of light wire. Small jigs are also very effective, sometimes more so than bait.

Just like the tunas, bonito are very fast and will give you a real workout on appropriate tackle. However, they don't have the endurance of the tunas and generally aren't quite as finicky. They tend to bite better in chum slicks when some little tunny are also around competing for the freebies, and on sunny days the best bite is usually early in the day. The bonito is a fine eating fish with whitish meat which is relatively bland when compared to the tunas. They don't have to be bled and the meat can be handled in any manner of cooking. However, it does tend to get soft quickly, so make sure your fish are kept cool.



Brad Biddle with a typical Atlantic bonito that hit a Sekora umbrella rig. Note stripes on top of body only and prominent teeth.

Bonito are very abundant at times in the Montauk area, showing up as early as the beginning of July. I've caught them right into early November, though that is unusually late for them to hang around. More normally, the season is from August to October.

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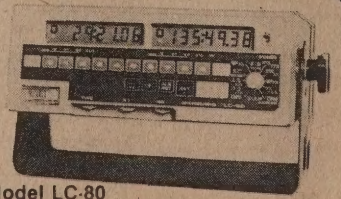

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The bonito out there are ordinarily chasing bait and can be taken by trolling or casting lures. Some are caught on umbrella rigs trolled on wire line by fishermen seeking blues and stripers. However, more can be caught if the rig is moved up and trolled fast. Whenever I'm trolling a Sekora umbrella along the south shore and see bonito breaking, I reel in to about 100 feet and push the rpm's on my Mako 21 to around 1500. This generally does the job with the bonito.

While more normally encountered off the south shore and in the rips, bonito do work west to Shagwong Reef and sometimes go right into Long Island Sound. You'll also find them off Block Island and east to Cape Cod. Though I've caught them on diamond jigs, the best lures are smaller ones that can be cast and retrieved at high speed—such as metal and lead-head jigs.

High speed is an even more important factor with the little tunny. That warrior is one of the toughest fish in the oceans and on light tackle will literally fight to the death. I've often had to keep little tunny that I tried to release simply because they couldn't swim off—even after I spent considerable time trying to revive them. Unlike the smaller bonito (which average four to six pounds, while little tunny are usually 8 to 12 pounds), the "turkeys" are not good eating fish. The meat is dark and bloody, pleasing to some Oriental palates, but not to many others. If kept, they should be thoroughly bled right away and then further rinsed overnight in cold, salted water in the refrigerator. After that, the meat can be steamed to make a decent tuna salad.

Quite a few little tunny are caught in chum slicks around New York Bight, and others fall victim to the usual feathers and cedar jigs trolled for school tuna. However, those to the east seem to feed on smaller bait and can be very difficult to catch. Occasionally they hit almost anything (umbrella rig, popping plug, swimmer, etc.), but the only reasonably consistent producer I've found is to cast a very small bucktail jig right in front of the breaking fish and then retrieve as fast as I can turn the handle. If they follow, they won't hit. You've got to spark a spontaneous reaction. After that, you'll get a bonefish-like run on light tackle. Surf casters also frequently get a shot at these fish. Their best bet is to cast a small metal or jig and try that super-fast retrieve.

The inshore tunas may not have all the glamour of their larger cousins found further offshore, but they're well worth your attention. The fighting qualities are the same and the bonito will be a pleasant surprise on the table. Next time you see "blues" breaking that won't hit a thing, try the fast retrieve or trolling techniques described and you may be in for a real eye-opening!

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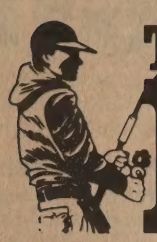

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EXCERPTS FROM A CENTURY AGO

compiled by Bill Laghezza

Rods: Fishing rods are now usually made from the bamboo, the Calcutta reed, or of ash wood, as it it necessary they should be made light, tough and pliable. The butts are frequently made of maple, with bored bottom; and this butt will outlast several tops. Rods for travellers are made in joints, so as to be easily transported. The cost of rods at the tackle stores is $1.50 and $2.50 up to $5 for ordinary ones; and $10, $15, $20, and even as high as $50 for the best and most scientific articles. Some of them are made to be used a walking cane until needed for sport. A perfect rod should gradually taper from end to end, be tight in all its joints, and be equally and uniformly pliable, not bending in one place more than another. The different lengths of rods required in fishing are mentioned in describing the tackle used in catching different fish. It is therefore only necessary to say that they vary from 12 to 20 feet in length.

Reels: Some sportsmen do not consider reels necessary but this is because they have either never used them, or never had a good article. American-made reels are now considered the best in the market, particularly for taking large fish. The smaller English reel will do very well for trout fishing. There are two kinds, viz.; the plain reel, and the multiplying reel. Some prefer the former; but the multiplying reel saves a good deal of time, and is easily worked when you get accustomed to it. Reels are made of brass, and of German silver. Either article is as good as the other.

Lines: Lines are made of India grass, of silk alone, silk and hair, of hemp, of flax, and of cotton. Gut lines are also made, but are not easily managed. The best trout lines are made of Indian grass, though silk, or silk and hair are frequently used in trout fishing. Trout lines are usually from eight to eighteen yards long, and of various degrees of fineness according to the size of the fish angled for, or clearness of the stream. Salmon, bass and pickerel lines are made from hemp, flax, silk, grass or hair, and vary in length from 30 to 150 yards. Cotton and hemp lines are made for trolling purposes, and for fishing sea-fish generally. The length of these will vary according to the condition or depth of your fishing grounds. The size of all lines should vary according to the state of the streams or size of your fish. Clear streams require as small lines as will answer the purpose. If you have a good multiplying reel, the line should be as long as the reel will carry.

Sinkers and Swivels: The ordinary plain sinker is made of lead, shaped round like a pipe-stem, and swelling out in the middle. There are loops of brass wire on either end to attach the line. The weight is from a quarter of an ounce for trout fishing up to a couple of pounds or more for sea bass and porgies. The swivel sinker is similar to the plain one, except that instead of loops, there are swivels on each end to attach the line. This is a decided improvement, as it prevents the line from twisting and tangling. In trolling, swivel sinkers are indispensable. The slide sinker, for bottom fishing, is a leaden tube which allows the line to slip through it, when the fish bites. This is an excellent arrangement, inasmuch as you feel the smallest bite, whereas in the other case the fish must first move the sinker before you feel him. Split shot are sometimes put on trout lines in place of a sinker. Independent swivels are useful in some kinds of fishing to prevent the entanglement of your line.

Excerpted from *The Boys Own Book of Outdoor Sports:* A Healthy Manual for Lovers of the Rod and Gun and the Gymnasium by Uncle John.

Leaders: The silk-worm gut is almost imperceptible in water, and for leaders therefore is the best possible substance. The gut is taken from the worm just as it is ready to spin, and its size varies with the size of the insect, some being as fine as a horse-hair, and others ten times that size. The strands are usually from nine inches to two feet in length, and are just suited to leaders. The tackle stores supply these leaders, with hooks fastened to them, and with loops ready to attach to your line. The best gut leaders are of Spanish manufacture. Leaders of twisted horse-hair, or of grass, are used when gut cannot be obtained, but they should be made as light as possible.

Bait: The common angle worm is a universal bait for fresh water angling. They grow almost everywhere except in sandy soils. The common white grub is also used successfully in trout fishing. They are found in fresh ploughed earth, and under old stumps, decaying foliage, &c. The grasshopper is also good for trout in his season. The trout or salmon spawn will attract trout quicker than any other possible bait, but it is not always to be had. Caterpillars, flies, locusts, beetles, &c., are good for trout.

Live bait consists of the minnow, the shiner (or mullet), the gold-fish, and other small fish. Ponds of these fish are kept by those who furnish baits, and by some habitual sportsmen.

The frog is an excellent bait for pickerel. They are sometimes used whole, but in cases where you use the hind legs only, they should be skinned.

For saltwater fishing, the shrimp is the leading bait. The shedder crab, in its season, is most excellent, particularly for striped bass. The soft-shell clam, cut in small pieces, is a good bait for many kinds of sea fish. The horse-mackerel, or small bluefish is an excellent bait. Where the tide runs swift, use the tail, leaving on the fins.

Preparing Baits: We have before said that salmon-roe was an excellent bait for trout. The roe of large trout or salmon-trout is just as good. These are tempting baits for many other freshwater fish besides the trout. Old

fishermen preserve it as follows: First put it in warm water, not hot enough to scald much—then separate the membranous films—rinse it well in cold water and hang it up to dry. The next day salt it with two ounces of salt and a quarter of an ounce of saltpetre to the pound of roe. Let it stand another day and then spread it to dry. When it becomes stiff put it in small pots, pouring over each some melted mutton tallow. You can then use a pot of preparation as you may want it for bait. It is excellent for trout, and indeed for almost any fry in fresh water.

Angle-worms are thus prepared: Take a lot of common moss and wash it in clean water, press it until nearly dry, then put it in an earthen pot with your worms. In a few days the worms will look exceedingly bright, and be tough and active. If you wish to preserve them longer, you have only to take out the moss, wash it, sponge it, and return it to the pot. Repeat this process very three or four days and your worms will be in excellent condition as long as you desire to keep them.

Pastes for Bait: The English are famous for paste baits, some of which are made as follows: Shrimp paste is made from shrimps, being prepared in every respect similar to the salmon-roe, before given. Wheat, rye, barley and other grains, soaked in water, and then boiled in milk, are good baits for small fish in still water. Soft bread and honey, kneaded together, is a good bait. Grated cheese worked into paste with soft bread, honey, and saffron, is frequently used. Tallow chandlers' scraps, fresh scalded to separate the slimy particles—these particles are then mixed with clay and bran, and are a good ground bait. It is only good when fresh made.

Take Care of Your Tools: The "American Angler's Guide" gives the following precautions relative to the care of rods and lines: When the fishing season is over, your rod should not be thrown carelessly by, but be cleaned, nicely oiled, and put away in a cool place, in readiness for the next campaign. The best of wood that a rod can be composed of, even though it be kiln-dried, if exposed a length of time in a dry atmosphere will shrink some, causing the ferrules and guides to become loose. A moist atmosphere is preferable to a dry one. When rods that have not the ends covered where the joints are put together, become by a day's service swelled and difficult to separate, hold the ferrule over a candle or lighted paper until it becomes sufficiently hot to dry out the moisture, and the parts can be easily separated. To prevent this annoyance, occasionally oil the wooden part that is let into the socket.

Lines: Many adepts in the art are careless and neglectful of their lines, often leaving them (when soaked with water) on their rods, in which wet state if they long continue, they are apt to mildew and rot. Every line, immediately after being used, should be run off from the reel and laid out freely, or stretched on pegs to dry. Should they have been lying by for any length of time, they should be thoroughly examined and tried in every part before using. Lines will chafe and fray out by constant wear, and many large fish are often lost by carelessness in these small, but important matters.

To Tie a Hook to a Gut or Line: Prepare, by waxing with shoemaker's wax, a piece of strong silk or thread; take your hook in your left hand between your thumb and forefinger, about as high up as the point of the barb or a little higher, as you may fancy; place the end of your silk under your thumb, take three or four random but firm turns around the shank of the hook until you reach the end (for the purpose of preventing the gut being cut by the hook, and moreover that your gut may stick firmly without the possibility of coming off); now lay your gut or line (the inside of the hook, up) on to this winding, holding it with the end of the thumb, and commence whipping it around firmly and closely, occasionally pressing the turns to keep them even; continue this operation until you get within three or four turns of the finishing point; in order to fasten firmly—give three loose turns, then insert the end of your silk under them, and drawing it through, you have a secure fastening, called the hidden knot. Another method of finishing when you have arrived at the fastening point, is to make two or three half hitch knots; this is done by passing the end under one turn of the silk, making a loop, and drawing it down. The hidden knot is the better and most secure mode.

To Repair a Broken Joint: Should you be so unfortunate as to break a top or joint, which misfortune, brother angler, has happened to many a very careful and scientific sportsman before you—proceed in this manner. Take your two broken parts, and with your knife, or a plane if you can get one, smooth down each part in an oblique direction, fitting them closely together and rubbing some shoemaker's wax on to the parts to make them stick; now take a long length of waxed thread or silk and wind it around, similar to the commencement of hook-tying, merely to keep the parts together, continuing it a little beyond the extreme end of the fracture; then carefully and firmly whip it evenly around until you pass the other end of the fracture. Here halt, and wind the three last turns on the forefinger of the left hand, extended for that purpose; now pass the end of the silk or thread under the windings, carefully drawing out your finger, and pull it through, and you have the hidden or inverted knot, as before described. Be careful in finishing, see that your thread does not get loose, and your whippings are firm and even. In all cases of winding, see that your silk is well waxed.

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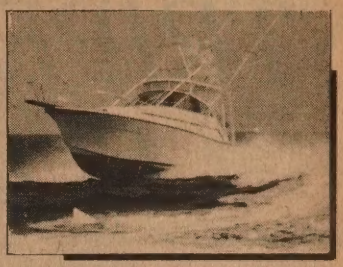

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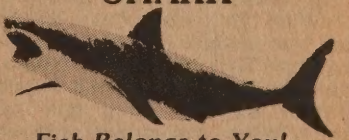

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RHODE ISLAND BANS STRIPED BASS FISHING FOR ONE YEAR

by Dick Russell

In what was surely the most bizarre and bitter meeting in the history of Rhode Island's Marine Fisheries Council, on September 6th the Ocean State imposed a year-long ban on the taking or possession of striped bass of any size, by any fisherman. The regulations, adopted by a 4-3 vote of the Council, takes effect on January 1, 1984.

Had the Fisheries Council's decision been made in good faith, Rhode Island might be applauded for taking the strongest conservation stand of any state on behalf of the imperiled striper. But to the 75 citizens in attendance, and even to state environmental officials, the action was clearly done out of spite. The Council, dominated by commercial trap-net fishermen with a vested interest in selling small striped bass, simply refused to pass a 24 inch minimum size limit and comply with a State/Federal Management Plan as all their neighboring states have done. Rather, the Council's attitude was: if we have to give up the smaller fish, then everyone should stop catching **any** fish. The result was outrage, and a potential all-out war between commercial interests and sport fishermen which will benefit no one and which pushes the **real** issue—the striper itself—into the background.

Early in August, Rhode Island's Division of Fish and Wildlife had changed its tune on the necessity for bringing the net fishery into line with a 24 inch limit. For a year, the state had maintained a discriminatory 24 inch limit for rod-and-reel fishermen and the old 16 inch minimum for the netters. But, as more and more coastal harvesting states brought ALL fishing groups up to 24 inches—including New York, after a tremendous legislative controversy—the pressure increased for Rhode Island to do the same. Division Chief John Cronan recommended following suit, and the proposal went to a public hearing.

The hearing was held in Warwick on September 1st. Almost unanimously, the citizenry called for a 24 inch limit across-the-board, eliminating any by-catch allowance as unenforceable, as Massachusetts and New York found necessary. Only one fisherman at the hearing spoke in favor of maintaining the status quo. Indeed, very few netters even bothered to attend and speak their piece.

Besides the overwhelming support of Rhode Island residents, two gentlemen from New York made the long drive with their wives to offer support at the hearing. Bob Buss, President of Save Our Stripers and Fred Schwab, New York's citizens participant in the coastal Management Plan, spoke eloquently of their successful attempt to override the opposition of net fishermen and bring their state into the cooperative conservation effort.

Whit Griswold, associate editor of Saltwater Sportsman Magazine, journeyed down from Boston to endorse the 24 inch regulation, noting that "the netters, too, will benefit in the long run." Rhode Island State Senator John Sabatini said he intended to introduce legislation again to apply the 24 inch limit to every user group, unless the Council took proper action. John Martini, a very successful rod and reel commercial bass fisherman, comments: "This is my living and I'm losing money, too. But this is the most beautiful fish I've ever caught, and it's about time you guys got off your butts and passed this law. This fish is in trouble!"

So the public sentiment was unquestionable. For the first time, state officials were in accord with the majority of the people. But, as it became painfully clear at the Council meeting the following Tuesday night in Wakefield, neither the people, the plan, the state authorities or the striped bass means much of anything to George Mendonsa, Francis Manchester, Bob Smith or Michael Parascondolo.

Manchester, a trap-net fisherman, began the proceedings by reciting a 15 minute justification of the current 16 inch minimum size. Noting that Rhode Island's share of the commercial coastal landings of striped bass is minimal, Manchester also railed against the current 14 inch limits in the tidal fisheries of Maryland and Virginia. "How any plan to increase stocks based on our releasing fish under 24 inches can succeed when it allows other states to take 13 inch fish is a mystery to me," said Manchester.

It is not, however, a mystery to anyone who has studied the logic of the management plan. While the plan may have some imperfections, it is based on four years of scientific study. At approximately 14 inches, young stripers leave their tidal areas and migrate into the ocean, not returning to the Chesapeake Bay spawning grounds until they reach about 24 inches. Thus, the dual size limit **does** serve to protect the bass from fishermen until they've had a chance to spawn at least once. Maryland and the Potomac River Commission have also recently put in force a ban on any spring bass fishing in the key spawning areas.

Having completed his statistical rundown—in part accurate, but largely a case of manipulating figures to serve a point—Manchester then seemed to defy his own logic by making a motion: "To put everyone on an even basis, I move to prohibit the taking and possession of striped bass in Rhode Island...to become effective no earlier than December 1, 1983, and expire one year after."

Council member Mendonsa, the largest trap-net fisherman in the state who caught an admitted 130,000 pounds of small bass in 1981, spoke next. A year ago, because of their clear vested interest in the bass issue, Mendonsa and Parascondolo had been warned by Rhode Island's Conflict-of-Interest Commission not to vote or seek to influence other Council members on proposed striper regulations. But at the last Council meeting, Mendonsa had spoken out vigorously and voted against sending the 24 inch recommendation to public hearing. A complaint had then been filed against him with the Conflict-of-Interest Commission. Should the Commission find him in violation, he could be subject to a potential $10,000 fine and removal from his position.

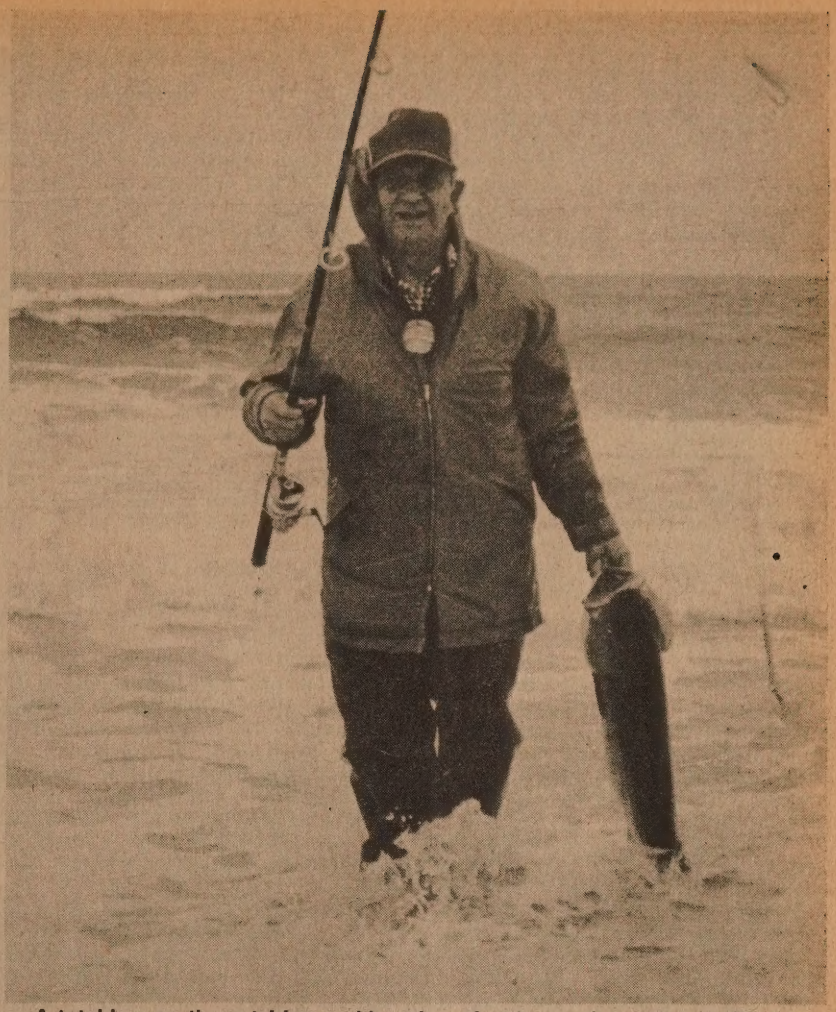
Now, Mendonsa addressed the conflict charges head-on. "Because of the complaint against me by the conflict of interest..." he began, "I

have been a member of the Marine Fisheries Council since its creation... appointed by the Governor to represent the commercial fishing industry, with the collective experience of a family involved in this business for over 70 years. I will be affected by any rule adopted...but to no greater extent than any other commercial striped bass fisherman. As will be seen by my **vote**, I intend to vote in such a manner which places the greatest restrictions on the catch of striped bass in Rhode Island. I do this to show my commitment to the conservation of marine fisheries, specifically striped bass, and as a challenge to those who would use the Marine Fisheries Council as a tool to advance their own selfish ends."

But Mendonsa's defiant words rang hollow in the meeting room. It was too patently a ploy. Obviously, if he and Parascondolo voted against a 24 inch limit, they faced real conflict problems. If they abstained from such a vote, the 24 inch law would almost surely pass. But if they voted to ban bass fishing altogether, for themselves and everyone else, there was no clear conflict-of-interest. The ban wouldn't take effect until **after** the 1983 fall run of small migrating bass, and after biting the bullet for a year, the commercial interests could move to go right back to the old regulation. Perhaps they reasoned that, by then, the rod-and-reelers who were denied their right to bring a striper home for supper would be ready to play ball with them.

It should be mentioned that two Council members were not in attendance on this crucial night. Dr. Saul Saila, a marine biologist at the University of Rhode Island who was not at the August meeting or the public hearing either, was absent again. So was boat-builder, Luther Blount. Bob Greene, a leading member of the new Rhode Island Saltwater Fishing Alliance, had made arrangements to pick up Blount at his home and drive him to the meeting. But when Greene arrived after traveling 40 miles, Blount informed him that he had to arise early to go to New York and couldn't make it. So that left the decision up to three trap-netters and Smith, a commercial fisherman out of the Point Judith Co-Op, plus Louis Othote and Joe Dawson as the two lone sport fishermen's representatives on the Council. Robert Bendick, head of the Department of Environmental Management, is supposed to vote in case of a tie.

Othote followed Mendonsa's speech by moving that the state adopt the 24 inch across-the-board law, effective for two years starting in January, 1984. "I've just listened to six pages about why what we're trying to do has no effect on the striped bass," said Othote, "yet from the same source I'm hearing a proposal to get rid of the fishery completely for a year. This is not consistent with the spirit of doing what's right for the fish and all the groups being considered. We're very close to coastwide success with putting this plan into effect, and to go in this other direction is as bad as not doing anything. I don't understand it."



A total ban on the catching and keeping of stripers of any size in Rhode Island waters will take effect on January 1, 1984.

Smith then sided with his three commercial brethren—"In my opinion, Lou is completely wrong"—and the die was cast. Joe Dawson countered that he hoped "this is not intended to be disruptive, as a delaying tactic. There's no way what Francis has proposed can be enforced and worked out!"

Fisheries Chief Cronan attempted to smooth the waters, but said he'd recommended Rhode Island go to 24 inches so that he'd have more leverage to help pressure still-reluctant states like New Jersey and North Carolina to take the management step.

Comments and questions were taken from the audience. In scoffing at this writer's attempt to describe the logic of the plan, Manchester retorted: "I've seen a lot of scientists who didn't know enough to come in out of the rain, when it comes to fishing." When I suggested his motion was being made out of spite, he said: "Well, I'm not so sure of that." Later, in response to another query, Manchester admitted that Rhode Island commercial striper landings might be "insignificant" in the coastal picture, but were indeed highly significant to him and his netting cohorts.

Shouted a member of the Sachuest Club: "I think you people better get together! You're supposed to represent the people of Rhode Island, not just a small group! Because you can be changed very easily, don't think you can't. Put your heads together, come up with something decent—for the **people** of this state!"

Bendick, the state's chief environmental official with DEM, didn't put it in such strong terms. But his own message was equally clear. "I think if the Council is to maintain its credibility," said Bendick, "it has to vote based on the best facts available to it at the time. I don't believe the motion to ban bass fishing entirely is based on an analysis. Perhaps there is a compromise somewhere of a daily [creel] limit on bass that should be placed on recreational fishermen. But I don't think the Council should vote something that's based not on facts and staff recommendations, but on

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anger and disappointment at the way something has evolved... I think this will lead to an endless war between the commercial and recreational fishermen, which is the last thing we need. Finally, I do think our passing the 24 inch limit would add pressure upon other states to conform. We can't let everybody on the Eastern Seaboard make a decision and then expect to go last. That's just not the way life works around here. It's time to do our part. It's clear the striped bass have some kind of problem, which is not caused by commercial fishermen and which may not be solved by us, but which must be solved by **somebody**—because something is wrong!"

When Manchester sought to contradict him, Bendick responded: "Yes, this ban would contribute to the conservation of bass. But unless we do things for the right reasons, no one will have any faith in our decisions here!" Loud applause from the crowd greeted Bendick's stand.

Manchester then turned on Cronan, demanding to know whether the Fisheries Dvision's change in position was based on new biological reasons or social interests. He accused Cronan of "beating around the bush," and reluctantly Cronan conceded that social considerations were the key to his turnaround.

"Yes, biologically nothing has changed since last year," added Bendick, "which is part of the point. We keep looking for an upturn in the bass population and it hasn't come. I voted against raising everyone to the 24 inch limit last year. But no evidence has emerged that things are getting better. That is a biological fact."

Manchester again debated the DEM chief, reading aloud a 1982 press release from the Department of Commerce stating that there were more bass larvae than ever before. "Yeah, and in the next paragraph it says they all died!" Bendick replied angrily. "Well, if they're all gonna die, why are we letting the damn fish go?" cried Manchester. "Why don't we take 'em while they're here?"

That remark was greeted with boos from the gathering. It looked for a moment like the Council would vote first on the 24 inch limit. That, however, was not in the commercialmen's game plan; if Mendonsa and Parascondolo abstained, Bendick would have broken a 2-2 tie and the size limit would have passed. So Manchester pressed for a vote on which motion should be acted upon first. That vote was, expectedly, 4 to 3 to consider Manchester's.

Othote shook his head. "Let's think about what tomorrow's gonna be like if we pass this total ban tonight. It will be worse than what we've been facing for the last 12 months." Manchester countered, "At least we'll all be in the same boat—all contributing equally."

"I think we're playing games, fellas," said Bendick, "and it's not gonna end well. If you want to play, play, but it hardens everybody's position into a situation that isn't good for this state, the commercial fishermen or the recreational fishermen."

The vote was taken. Mendonsa, Manchester, Smith and Parascondolo voting for the one-year ban; Othote, Dawson and Bendick voting against it. The 24 inch limit never came up for a vote.

Now the fury among sport fishermen began to erupt. "For three years we tried to do something, and I never saw you open your mouth!" one shouted at Mendonsa. "You tried to give us the shaft for three years!" Mendonsa shot back. "We were the joke of New England before, wait till this gets out!" cried Bob Greene. "It's sad, man." A Sachuest Club member echoed: "You all are a disgrace to the public of Rhode Island!"

"Bob, I hope you're proud of your Council!" said another fisherman. "You don't have to tell me," Bendick replied quietly.

The Council then set about defining what the total ban meant. Basically, the regulation is worded the same as the minimum size limit would have been. No taking, no possession, all striped bass caught must be returned immediately to the water. They cannot be kept in a Rhode Island fish market, shopping cart, truck or restaurant—the same as short lobsters.

Steve Fougere, Rhode Island's chief of wildlife enforcement, was asked how he was going to manage this one. "It will be a significant burden on our personnel," he replied. "It isn't that we can't do it. We'll have to rely on observation made by other people and complaints, yes. Striped bass are worth $3 a pound; that's pretty high-priced contraband."

As a group of sport fishermen walked out in disgust, Mendonsa could be seen anxiously looking out the window to check out the safety of his car. The Council meeting ended with bitter epithets being hurled by both sides. Mendonsa saying, "You fellas been trying to knock our industry out of the bass business for years. Well, hey, tonight I've given up plenty."

Joe Mollica, a sport fisherman and bait shop owner, flew into a rage when Mendonsa commented, "I know what I gotta do." "You're gonna go on slaughtering bass, that's what!" Mollica shouted. "I **live** in front of your net and people **watch** you through binoculars in disgust! You kill every goddamn thing that swims up and down that area. That area is vacant!"

"I invite you to come out on my boat with me, spend a year with me!" Mendonsa shouted back, his huge hands clenched in the air.

"I wouldn't spit on the same **ocean** with you!" said Mollica.

That's the way the night concluded, with Council members walking past crowds of angry sport fishermen, their heads hung low, saying nothing to each other or to anyone. There was a deep sadness that hovered, too, over the crisp September night. A sadness for what could just as easily have been a celebration, if a cooperative step had been taken as it should have been by Rhode Island, in conjunction with each other and the other coastal states, for the sake of a fish that no one wants to see disappear. As it was, the tone was more of a dirge, following a night of deceit, petty resentment, and selfishness disguised as some sort of noble act. Unfortunately, the wounds of September 6th will be long in healing. What happens next, nobody really knows. There is talk of a lawsuit of some sort by sport fishermen, or of taking the regulatory power away from the Fisheries Council. At the very least, there will be pressure on Governor Joseph Garrahy not to reappoint two members who terms have apparently expired: Mendonsa and Smith.

Randy Fairbanks, assistant director of marine fisheries in Massachusetts, was stunned at the decision. "A lot of people down there are functioning with other than the resource in mind, unfortunately," he said. "It's unbelievable. Usually on those boards, there are enough people with their heads screwed on straight so that the radical view will not prevail. We'll have to ponder this one."

One question that will have to be addressed soon by the Council is the fate of the gill netters. A 24 inch minimum would have necessitated a change in their mesh size. A total ban ought to mean that the state will have to eliminate gill netting, too. Otherwise, striped bass are sure to be caught in gill nets and die, only to be thrown away.

The reaction all along the coast to Rhode Island's move was one of shock. Many major media, which plan stories and newscasts in the future (including ABC network news), immediately saw through the Council's shifty maneuverings. Indeed, as Othote sadly predicted, Rhode Island appears on more of a hot seat now than a year ago.

But who knows? Perhaps, ironically, the Rhode Island action might yet spur a federal effort toward a ban on commercial sale of striped bass—particularly if this year's young-of-the-year survey ends up as bleak as it looks now in the Chesapeake. There may be necessity in that, and eventual justice. For the moment, though, the real tragedy is the terrible division between fishermen, when all **anybody** ought to be concerned about is whether our children will ever know the magic of pursuing, catching and eating a striped bass.

(For information on what you can do to help in the Rhode Island situation, contact the new Rhode Island Saltwater Fishing Alliance, Box 29, Barrington, RI 02806. Membership fee is $2.)

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) **WHAT** IS THE MAXIMUM AGE ATTAINED BY NORTHERN PIKE?

10 YEARS ☐
20 YEARS ☐
40 YEARS ☐

(2) **THERE** ARE BOTH FISH AND MAMMALS CALLED DOLPHINS.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) **THE BLACK** AREA INDICATES THE DEER'S HEART ☐
STOMACH ☐ LIVER ☐
LUNGS ☐

(4) **SOME BROWN TROUT** LIVE IN SALTWATER AND ASCEND STREAMS ONLY TO SPAWN.
TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(5) **IDENTIFY** THESE EMERGENCY CODE *GROUND-TO-AIR SYMBOLS*. ALL BUSH PILOTS KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN. WHEN LOST IN THE WILDERNESS, THEY CAN BE FORMED WITH ROCKS, LOGS, STRIPS OF CLOTH OR SCRATCHED IN MUD OR SNOW... *REQUIRE DOCTOR, SERIOUS INJURY* ☐, *UNABLE TO PROCEED* ☐, *AM PROCEEDING IN THIS DIRECTION* ☐, *REQUIRE WATER AND FOOD* ☐, *REQUIRE MEDICAL SUPPLIES* ☐.

A B C D E

(6) **WHAT SOUND CYCLE** ATTRACTS A SHARK THE MOST, A READER ASKS?

1 - 20 YEARS. 2 - TRUE. 3 - LUNGS. 4 - TRUE. THERE ARE SEA-RUN BROWN TROUT IN EASTERN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS IN EUROPE. 5 - (A) REQUIRE MEDICAL SUPPLIES. (B) REQUIRE DOCTOR..., SERIOUS INJURY. (C) UNABLE TO PROCEED. (D) REQUIRE WATER AND FOOD. (E) AM PROCEEDING IN THIS DIRECTION. 6 - SHARKS HEAR BEST IN THE 10 - 40 - 50 STEADY RYTHM CYCLE.

BRIGHT NIGHTS, QUIET NIGHTS

by Tim Coleman

Satisfaction is the best word for it. You get that way skimming across the quiet water at slack tide on a bright, moonlit night. Tide has a bit to go before she lets go. In the meantime, you sit or stand as your boat makes its way. If the craft is to your specs, you take good feeling knowing everything is where you want it. For anyone who hasn't participated, you are missing one of the best tonics this mortal, imperfect world has to offer.

You can have the world of only fear, egos and money. I'll settle for 10PM to 2AM a couple days give or take around the moon. Sometimes it's smokin' but the ones to remember stand still except for the rush of tide past the lobster pot. No wind, no clouds and these days, probably few people. If there is another soul on the rip, so be it. He may know you by craft, but not your name. You don't know where he goes the rest of the month, you just see him, like the striper, when the tide is right.

People seek refuge in fishing but we bring the technological world to our quiet one. Today we hunt the beautiful bass with graphite, whirring chart recorders and the latest marvel, the compact Loran. Long the sole province of the 70 footer, man's mind brought it within reach of the little guy. Some still sneer at the box in a small boat, but watch others without one. Even on a clear night their drifts, if that is their fishing preference, are off. The box doesn't give opinion; its red or grey numbers just state fact. Precision is brought to the search. It gives some the feeling of doing the best they can, for even if the fish are not where you look, you go home knowing you could do no more.

Then, when all things are right, the spec on the chart paper rises to the eel. A couple bumps and all the time you sat to dream comes together. Off the line goes into the bright darkness. The run probably won't match your expectations of a world's record, but it's still the fish many follow. If the bass goes a second time, you've got a prize. If not, the next part isn't the pumping rod, but rather the fish coming from the depths. First, a greenish flash, then a little trail of fire as the line moves one side to the other. There she is, laying on her side, all 40 pounds, bright and gleaming and spent.

In better days it would be off to the fish market, but now there's too few of the big, bright and gleaming. The single bronzed hook of the eel fisherman can be clipped. Nature will undo the harm. At times, you may have to hold her upright by the lower jaw, but most swim away to, hopefully, a better time.

Back at the ramp or dock no one watches because you have no fish. Nothing doing, you might say to the one come to launch for pogies for daybreak. No one is the wiser; no one sent after wild geese.

I trailer, so there's the ride through the deserted town. Sometimes, at the donut shop, a couple will ask how things went. Another quiet shake of the head to end a quiet night. Not so much they might follow, but you just don't want to say much unless it's a friend. Only then. More than likely you sit in the front seat sipping the beautiful hot coffee while the cop car goes about its rounds.

If the moon is still up as you open the back door to your home, it might be a good idea to look up to the bright sky to give a short thanks to whatever God you trust. At that point, you are a lucky man. And, if you don't have to get up in the morning, and if you caught a fish, and if you can fish tomorrow night, YOU own the universe.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:40	8:55	9:30	9:45	9:20	9:30	10:10	10:25	12:05	12:10	—	12:00	8:35	8:50	9/22
FRI.	9:15	9:30	10:00	10:20	9:55	10:00	10:45	11:05	12:15	12:25	12:20	12:35	9:10	9:30	9/23
SAT.	9:45	10:05	10:35	10:50	10:25	10:30	11:20	11:40	12:45	12:55	12:55	1:10	9:50	10:05	9/24
SUN.	10:20	10:45	11:10	11:30	10:55	11:05	11:55	—	1:20	1:35	1:30	1:45	10:25	10:50	9/25
MON.	11:00	11:25	11:50	—	11:25	11:45	12:20	12:35	2:00	2:15	2:10	2:25	11:10	11:30	9/26
TUES.	11:45	—	12:05	12:35	—	12:15	1:05	1:20	2:45	3:00	2:55	3:10	11:55	—	9/27
WED.	12:15	12:35	12:55	1:25	12:35	1:05	2:00	2:15	3:35	3:50	3:45	4:05	12:20	12:55	9/28
THURS.	1:10	1:40	1:50	2:30	1:35	2:10	3:00	3:15	4:30	4:50	4:40	5:05	1:20	1:55	9/29

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 49
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/22	6:47	6:59
FRI. 9/23	6:48	6:57
SAT. 9/24	6:49	6:56
SUN. 9/25	6:50	6:54
MON. 9/26	6:51	6:52
TUE. 9/27	6:52	6:50
WED. 9/28	6:53	6:49

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/22	7:30PM	6:49AM
FRI. 9/23	7:54PM	7:49AM
SAT. 9/24	8:19PM	8:51AM
SUN. 9/25	8:46PM	9:55AM
MON. 9/26	9:18PM	11:00AM
TUE. 9/27	9:55PM	12:07PM
WED. 9/28	10:40PM	1:14PM

Moon Phases

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9/7	9/14	9/22	9/29

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Sat.	7:00	12:45	7:30	1:15
Sun.	7:50	1:40	8:20	2:05
Mon.	8:40	2:30	9:10	2:55
Tues.	9:30	3:20	10:05	3:50
Wed.	10:30	4:20	11:05	4:50
Thurs.	11:30	5:20	—	5:50

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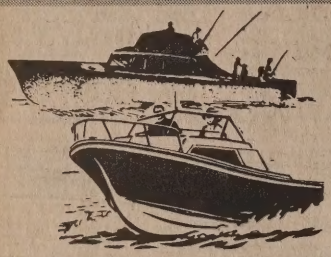

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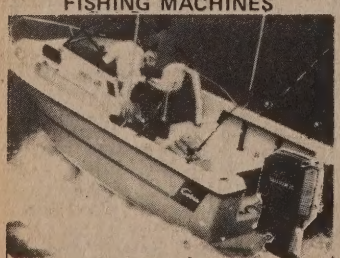

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East End REPORT

with Stu Miller

The tuna invasion continues as do the hordes of marauding bluefish at Cartwright and Block Island. Porgies are in good number both inshore and at Nomans land. Neither bass nor weakfish reports were received this week. Some big blue sharks around.

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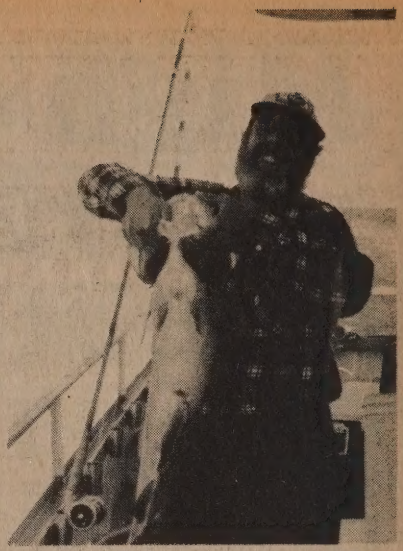
From the porgy boats **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** we hear of very good porgy catches all week in the Lighthouse area. Capt. Dusty told of catches of 1-2 buckets of porgies per man with fish medium and large. A few sea bass and blacks mixed in as well.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the six man limit, open boat **Waxed** will start open boat striped bass fishing Monday, October 17, sailing 5:30 AM. This leaves approximately 4 more weeks for porgy fishing. This past week, the porgies were chewing really good. Lumpy seas did hold down the fishing some, but overall, one bucket to over two full buckets were the order of the day with fish running ½-3½ pounds. Sea bass have been adding spice to the lively action. See L.I.F. ad for new changes.

Marjorie and Ralph Heiss of South Dakota, along with their daughter Alana, grandson Lorne and his friend Robert, put away 57 blues between 8 and 18 lbs. at Cartwright aboard the charter boat Windy.



Larry Calia sent along this photo of himself holding up a 20 lb. cod he caught at Coxes during a recent trip aboard the "Viking Star."

From the **Viking Fleet** comes word of the continuing dynamite porgy catches on the Nomans Land trips which are now on an every day sailing schedule. Tons of porgies and a lot of big blackfish are being caught on each trip. On Sunday, Roger Roosevelt, Westbury, bagged up with 203 big porgies while on Saturday Joe Ayaca of the Bronx filled his sack with 158 jumbos. The Cox's Ledge cod remains good to the tune of 10-25 fish per man with fish averaging 14-20 pounds. Pools are running in 30's and 40's. Drifting has been best with bait. Gorilla blues continue to be fantastic each night south of Block on both jigs and on bait.

We learn from Capt. Rich Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** of catches of 40-60 porgies under the light for good porgy pounders with fish running 1-2½ pounds along with a few sea bass. Excellent bluefishing on both day and night trips with the choppers running 12-18 pounds at both Cartwright and Block Island.

Monday, fishing aboard the charter boat **Ebb Tide**, Hank Armstrong and group had a very good shot at school tuna to 80 pounds on Diamond Jigs south of Block. Wednesday's trip for the Ken Larson group had good tuna action south of Block on jigs, with one reel stripped and many other fish lost due to rough sea conditions. Friday's charter for Rich Burt and party released an approximately 700 pound giant tuna taken on bait. Boated were two 40 pound bluefin tuna taken on jigs. Saturday and Sunday charters took very large bluefish south of Cartwright on Diamond jigs. "All the bluefish you want," said the skipper.

A call from Capt. Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** told of lots of school tuna this week on both diamonds and on bait with fish

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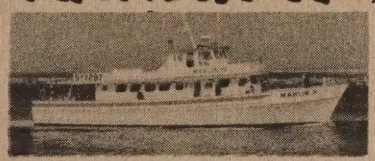

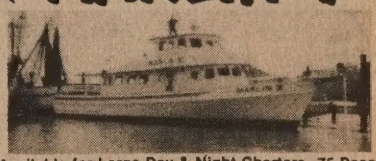

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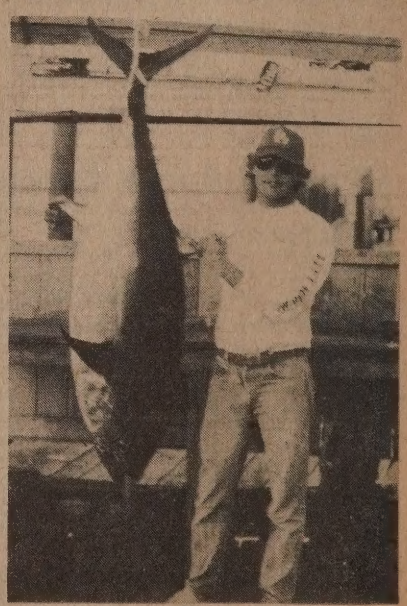
running 20-65 pounds. Anything smaller was released. Cartwright continues to hold astounding numbers of bluefish. Saturday saw 5 brown shark and 1 dusky brought to the boat.

Aboard Capt. Joe McBride's charter boat **Mistress Too**, excellent bluefish catches were made this week. On Saturday, the party for Mike McGroaty saw an increase in the shark activity plus big shark of the day being a 300 pound blue shark. Three shark were tagged and released an another one will be mounted, for Sunday's Joe Antes of Merrick charter. Tuna trolling has been very productive on football size fish right through Friday. Joe said that he has this Saturday and Sunday afternoon open and available.

From Capt. Phil Lewis' charter boat **Adios** we learn of the Monday/Tuesday canyon trip for Rod Newhart of Hilton, NY with 4 bigeye tuna from 125-200 pounds, 2 yellowfin tuna and 30 albies. A giant was caught and released this week for Hank Ohloff and son. The boat has started light tackle giant tuna fishing to afford the most sport and to let the fish end up alive to fight another day. Also excellent catches of football tuna are being diamond jigged in the same offshore grounds. Inshore trips to Cartwright and to the ledge continue to be super, any way you fish for them.

Captain Gene Kelly of the charter boat **Kellyboat** had a good day with tuna early in the week, taking fish of 280 and 300 pounds along with three in the 30 to 90 pound range. On Thursday, the skipper fished a party of light tackle enthusiasts who jigged 60 blues in the 6 to 10 pound



LIF subscriber Jim Williams with the 150 lb. bigeye he landed at the Hudson Canyon aboard his dad's boat, My III Sons. Fishing was done out of Shinnecock Inlet.

Mike and Dee Golstein with their first mako. The 71 pounder was taken S.E. of Shinnecock Inlet and checked in at Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

range at Block Island. A Sunday shark charter produced four blues in the 150 to 200 pound class and a 125 pound mako.

From **Gone Fishing Marina**, Maureen Sennefelder reported weighing in a 15 pound weak for John Singer. John caught the big tiderunner while porgy fishing. Bluefishing remains hot at Cartwright with Capt. Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** sent the Dennis Spagnola party home with over 700 pounds of blues to 15½ pounds. The Bill Branca party, aboard the charter boat **Nostalgia II** on Thursday, found a mix of football tuna and bluefish on the west side of the Butterfish Hole.

There was good fishing on the south side on Saturday with some boats taking 20 fluke in the 5 to 6 pound range. Largest of the weekend was a ten pounder.

SOUTH FORK

From the **Sag Harbor**, open boat **Wilhelric** word comes that the porgy fishing has been red hot this week with catches of anywhere from 50-100 porgies per man. The slowest day of the week was Saturday but fares still had 25-30 per man. Sizes were mixed with best catches being made on clam, squid or worms. (Still plenty of room on the boat on weekends.) The blackfishing has been very slow but seems to be improving with more catches of blacks being made every day with porgies.

From **Noyac Marina** comes word of Ed and Mary Simonson, Queens, and friend who fished off the Monastary Tuesday taking 21 weaks from 1½ to 3 pounds, two fluke, a humpback porgy and a mess of snappers, all in 3 hours. Squid and worms were the bait and best action was all around the low. They had 9 more small weaks on Friday as well.

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out of **Shinnecock Canal** had a special charter on Friday for George Crute of Mamaroneck. The trip resulted in a 187 pound mako hooked and landed in 95 feet of water south of Shinnecock Canal.

The report from **Speck's Tackle Shop** in Southampton told of very good flounder fishing in the Basket area and also west of the Ponquogue Bridge. Use sands, bloodworms and mussel chum. Sea bass and blackfish are at the jetty rocks and fluke fishing remains decent at the inlet and on the west bar. In Peconic Bay, small weaks are now best in Noyac Bay and off of North Haven. Porgies are holding their own.

From **Corr's Mariner's Cove** in Hampton Bays, Charlie Sensenback told of good flounder action in the Basket area and at buoy 17 in Tiana Bay. Fluke holding up well in the East Cut with a 6½ pounder the largest of the weekend. Still plenty of snappers around. The only offshore news concerned a 225 pound mako taken by Lou Menocal aboard the Alimar. The shark was landed without the benefit of a wire leader as the crew was looking for tuna at the time.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Fluke fishing at the inlets enjoying a final flurry before the flatties depart while bluefishing out of Fire Island Inlet remains hot. Scene of the bluefish action has switched from the Patchogue Grounds to an area inshore of the Grounds in 75 to 80 feet of water. Mixed bags of porgies, sea bass, blowfish and small weakfish are in the bays for sinker bouncers.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Rick Mignerey of **Hi-Way Fishing Station** in East Moriches labeled the fluking at the inlets and in the west cut as very good with most all of the fish in the 2 to 3 pound class. He felt boatmen did best this week on the ebb and first part of the flood. South of buoy 34, blackfish, sea bass, some porgies and a few blowfish are responding to squid and clam baits. Chum helps a lot!

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station,** Gary Grunseich also described very fine fluking with boats returning with between 10 and 30 fish apiece. On Saturday, Richie Becollivus put away 21 fluke to 3½ pounds. Flounder

Phil Sztorc with 26 fluke up to 3 lbs. taken in Moriches Bay on sand eel and squid combos. Phil fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

fishing continues to gain momentum with Haven's Point and Hart's Cove producing 30 keepers in the 1 pound range for most boats. In the deep holes between buoys 38 and 42, sea bass and porgies are falling to squid and worms.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue told of good fluke action down at the Inlet this week. Tim Brownie checked in a catch of nine nice fish to four pounds made by himself on Friday. He used killy and squid combos. Small weaks taking squid strips in 10 to 12 feet of water between Patchogue and Sayville with some kingfish mixed in. Both snappers and crabs were big and plentiful this week with the Patchogue Dock producing especially good crabbing.

Kingfish and small weaks (1 to 3 pounds) off of Heckscher and the mouth of Brown's River according to John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale. There was good fluking in the Inlet area over the weekend with John O'Donnel racking up a score of 19 summer flatties near the Robert Moses Bridge. Ocean Beach has a mixed bag of porgies, sea bass, blowfish and fluke and snappers and crabs are both good size and plentiful in the area.

Mike Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle** in East Islip said that loads of blues are camped in 70 to 80 feet of water south of Cherry Grove. His dad loaded up with umbrellas on Sunday but others were jigging the fish. Some pretty good blackfishing getting under way on the Kismet Reef and fluke still around but interest is on

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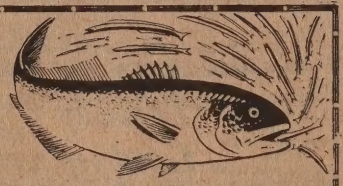

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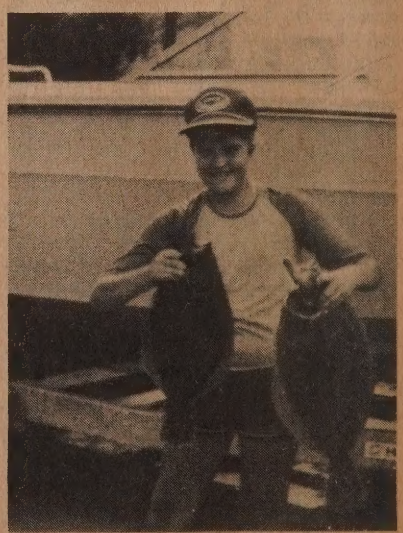
the wane. Best action is between the bridge and the inlet. Snapper fishing is paying off in both quantity and quality.

From **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in Bay Shore, Carl Miller said that chumming with ground skimmers is a sure way to attract small weaks, porgies in the 1/2 to 2 pound range, blowfish and sea bass. Best bet is buoys 4 and 5 in West Channel. Plenty of fluke on the top 1/2 of the flood between the bridge and the inlet and blackfish taking fiddlers at Kismet and the Robert Moses Bridge. Bluefishing over the weekend was a slaughter for the huge fleet working in 80 feet of water off of Ocean Beach. Still plenty of snappers around locally. There was some offshore action this week with boats taking a few yellow fins, bonito and false albacore south east of the inlet in 130 feet of water prior to the blow. The west wall of the canyon had albacore, yellowfins and bigeyes on Sunday.

Down at Captree, open boat fares continued to leave the docks laden down with choppers. According to Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty 3,** fishing was excellent day and night throughout the week and weekend. Scene of the main concentration of fish is in 80 feet of water south of Cherry Grove. Most are 6 to 8 pounds but some typical fall run fish, those in the mid to upper teens, are mixed in as well. Also a few bonito and albacore on each trip.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** dittoed the reports of excellent daytime and night bluefishing south of Cherry Grove. He too noted an influx of those teen size choppers which are indicative of fall



Fourteen-year-old Joseph Pianka shows fluke of 4 and 6 pounds taken on killy and squid combos near the Robert Moses Bridge. The youngster checked his catch at Captree Bait Station.

Scott, Jim and Dave with a load of porgies, sea bass and blowfish taken in Great South Bay during a recent trip aboard the Babylon charter boat, "Mrs. 'G'."

run fish. On Sunday's trip, Angelo, Mike and Rich Escobar, despite working with 15 pound tackle, accounted for 74 blues including an 18 pound pool fish. A Mr. Rodriguez had Saturday's pool with another 18 pounder.

Bobby Sprenger of **Captree Bait Station** spoke of good action in the bay this week with blacks on the Kismet Reef, plenty of fluke at the inlet and snappers at all the park piers.

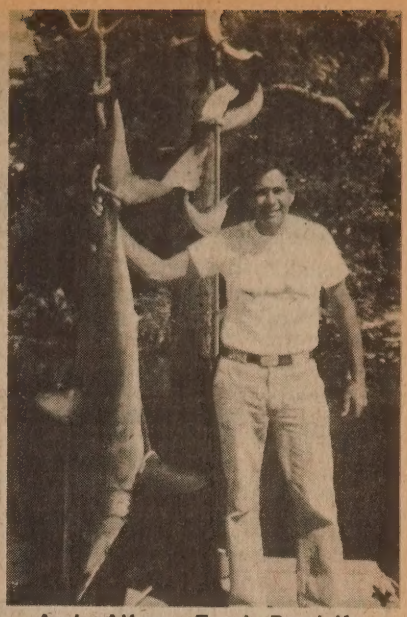
Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** put in a work for the excellent night bluefish action and noted too the increase in the numbers of 12 to 15 pound blues showing up in the area. Of the fluking, the skipper labeled it the most consistent of the year this week with 1/2 day trips resulting in 6 to 10 flatties per man. Sunday's A.M. trip proved to be one of the few exceptions. Gordon reminded that he is now sailing 7A.M. for fluke, 2P.M. for flounder and 7P.M. for blues. Despite the fine fluking action, interest is on the wane.

Captain Carl Bauer of the **Jib VI** will spend one more week on the fluke run despite catches of 5 to 8 nice fish per angler on Friday and Saturday. Sunday's acation was off. Beginning on September 26th, he will sail 8A.M. daily, full day, ocean wreck trips for sea bass and blacks. Last fall's blackfishing carried well into November so that Carl expects to finish out the season with this brand of fishing.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the **Capt. Rod** reminded that he will stay with the fluke as long as the catching remains good. He spoke of good fishing all week and particularly on Saturday, when some catches ran into the teens. Sunday was a disappointment in comparison. Rich Garrister was among Saturda 's high scorers with 15 keepers. Rod looks forward to good action this week as the normally more productive flood tide comes around.

Captain Bill Russo of the Captree charter boat **Prime Time** put the Fred Profetta party into a mixed bag of porgies, sea bass, weaks, snappers and blowfish Saturday morning. They finished off the day with some large flounder taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket. On Sunday, members of the East Islip Fire Department loaded up with 7 to 12 pound blues with jigs south of Cherry Grove. Tom Stecker had a 13 pound pool fish.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin said that jiggers worked over a big body of blues in the 7-11 pound range between Patchogue and Point O' Woods in 65-90' of water On Sunday, Ralph Green of the B.C.A. charter boat **Mrs. G** jigged over 700 pounds of blues in the area. The Babylon Tuna Club held its Bluefish Contest on Sunday. Dr. Lalia won top honors with a 13 pound, 13 ounce chopper. Ed Walsh found a 12½ pound blue for second place

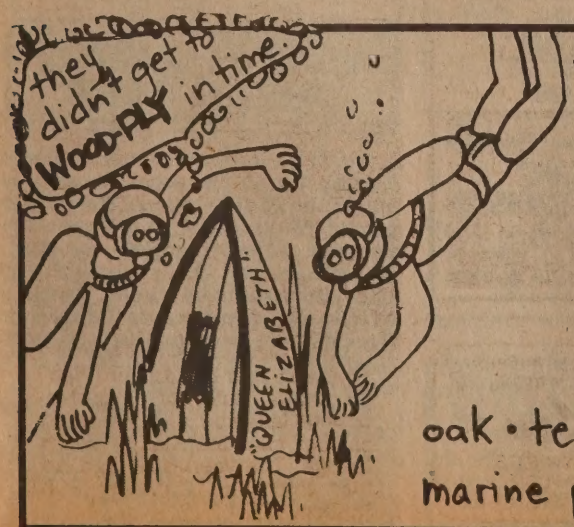


Andy Alfano, Frank Pandolfo, Tom Gorley and Jim Alfano teamed to take this 105 lb. mako and first place in the Suffolk Marine Fish-Off for the second consecutive year. Fishing was done south of Fire Island Inlet aboard Andy's 20 foot Pro-Line, Fishing Fever II.

honors. It was among a box full of fish taken by himself and his dad, Bill, who was up from Florida. Fluke are still at the inlet, small weaks remain off of Heckscher and snappers still around in good numbers.

Capt. Ray Nettuno of the B.C.A. charter boat **Cindy Ann** made a mid-week overnight trip to the canyon for John Garafolo of Babylon Glass. They returned with 8 yellowfins to 90 pounds and tales of having a 9/0 reel stripped clean. On Saturday, the skipper loaded up with 65 blues in the 8-12 pound range while jigging in 80' of water south of the old lighthouse.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani said that fluke



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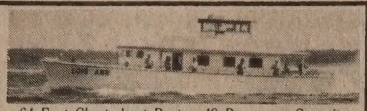

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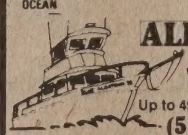

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fishing is holding up well near the inlet, particularly near the last part of the flood. Blackfish mixed with large porgies are on the Kismet Reef. On Saturday, Joe Uss and his son used fiddlers and squid to take a mixture of 80 porgies, blackfish and sea bass. Some flounder are being taken at the Sore Thumb Pocket but clam chum is almost a must. Blues are in 50' of water south of the Ocean Beach tower. Plenty of big snappers around and excellent crabbing from the docks and in boats.

Ralph Angelillo speaking from his **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported a catch of 40 blackfish up to 2½ pounds for he and his wife on Sunday. They fished the Kismet Reef and found some trigger fish and porgies mixed with the blacks. Ralph Lennon of the Sailfish anchored up over the Rota Wreck over the weekend and loaded up on blackfish. One customer has been averaging 12-16 fluke a trip over the past two weeks. Key to his success has been the plastic, 4" imitation sand eels being put out by Felnlee. Ralph knew of a few big weaks in the 10-12 pound class taken Saturday evening on live snappers between the lighthouse and the WR buoy. The Night Mare had a couple of the big weaks. Big snappers now the rule from local docks with casters switching over to spoons such as the Johnson Sprite for the bigger fish.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

This area is enjoying very good mixed bag fishing right now with catches of fluke, flounder, sea bass, porgies, blacks, blues, tuna, snappers, crabs, triggers and kingfish.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Out of **Seaford**, we learn from **Pop's Fishing Station** that since the water is still in the 70 degree area, some fluke are still being caught, as well as small flounder. Lots of porgies, sea bass, and blacks are filling buckets and blue claws continue strong, particularly in the area towards Amityville. Flounder are running ½-¾ pound. All of this action has been hot on both sides of the 2nd Wantagh.

From **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** comes word of super snappers. Snappers everywhere. Fluke still being taken now in the deeper channels as they are on their way out. Best has been the top of the outgoing

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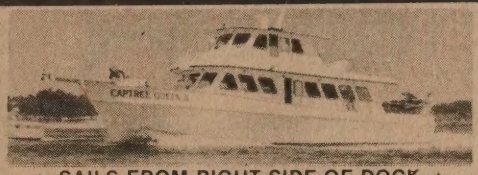

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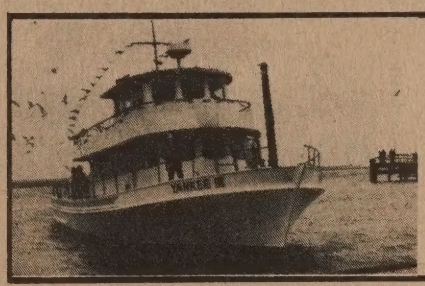

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at Four Corners, Goose Creek and Sloop Channel. Sandeels and squid seem to be working best. Flounder are starting to make a good showing at the 3rd Wantagh, the big Meadowbrook and at Zack's Bay. A few bass being taken by clam chummers at the 3rd Wantagh along with a few weaks. Blue claw crabs still around, Massapequa Cove has good concentrations of sea bass along with some porgies.

From **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore** we hear that 2-5 pound blues have been invading Jones Inlet at dawn and dusk and are hitting tins and diamonds. Some flounder catches in Merrick Bay but no numbers yet. Some big bluefish destroying tackle on the bay side of Jones Inlet on chunks or whole bunker, also at the Meadowbrook and at Haunt's Creek.

The word from Jimmy at **Nick's Marina** in **Merrick** is that there are lots of snappers around. A few fluke being taken in Carmen's Cut just off the Marina's Texaco sign. Sea robins continue to abound. Small flounder have started in Swift Creek and Rowboat Alley while porgies are bending rods at the Meadowbrook. Offshore wrecks are producing strong catches of sea bass and blacks. The stone barge has mucho trigger fish. The bridges have some really outsized blues in the nighttime hours falling to bunker chunks or whole bunker.

As for the boats out of **Freeport**, a call from the charter boat **Ivory Queen** told of Tuesday's trip for Al Tabares and party with their 70 blues to 17 pounds taken SE of Jones Inlet in 80' of water along with some albies, all on chum and bait. Sunday's trip for Mike Taub saw 20 tuna taken including 12 bluefins, all on yellow and green, and red and white feathers. Plastic skirts also took fish. Action was in 140' of

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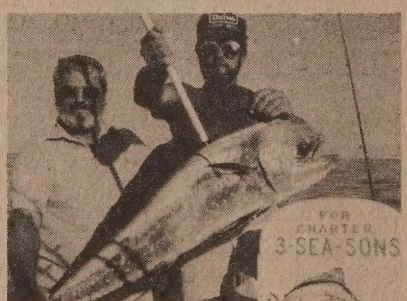

What may very well be the largest dolphin brought into a Long Island port this season is displayed by angler Jack Messina (left) and Captain Frank of the Seaford charter boat "3-Sea-Sons." The fish weighed a whopping 39½ lbs.

water SE of Jones.

Day and night bluefish action stayed consistently good aboard the **Starstream II** which is fishing less than 1 hour from the dock. Saturday was exceptionally good on fish from 2-5 pounds and on Sunday fares picked all day long. Night trips have been especially good. It's bait days--jigs at night.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J III** advised that Wednesday's trip for the Ed Reuper group in heavy seas chummed a good catch of 6-15 pound blues at Cholera. On Thursday, the Kodak group in the morning chummed blues then came back inside and drifted up some fluke inside Jones Inlet. Two of the fluke taken were in the 5 pound class. Friday's trip for Ed Barnett and party chummed and baited blues at Cholera and the night trip in heavy seas for Andy Brenske chummed more blues at the Sisters. Saturday's trip for the West Hempstead Fire Department chummed blues in the morning including a couple of 15 pounders then jigged them SE of Jones off Gilgo in the PM. Saturday night's bluefish trip at the Sister's for Mike Henricks and party had solid action and Sunday's trip for the George Rodrieguez group jigged choppers slowly in the morning with action building in the afternoon off Gilgo in 50-60' of water.

The **Capt. Al** continues very good day and night catches for the most part on blues with the night catches exceptionally strong. The area of Cholera and the Three Sisters is being worked.

From the **Capt. Lou Fleet** word is that flounder catches have been super all week according to Capt. Mike Dannon. The full day boat has been having hi-hooks in the 40's to 60's with a lot of porgies and sea bass mixed in plus some kings and blowfish. The half day boat has also been seeing very good catches with flounder hi-hooks in the 30's to 50's. On Saturday, Charlie Stumpp of Valley Stream had 35 flatties. Rose Ferrara, Oceanside was happy with her 40 flounder while Miss Pearl scored with 55 fish. Body count for young Kim was 60 flounder while Pat McCauley of Oceanside had 40. On Sunday, the morning action was hot but things were slow in the afternoon. The boats have been fishing local waters with both tides working and Mike says it looks like a great fall season. Note that the C.L. III will be weakfishing Friday and Saturday nights at 6PM.

Fishing aboard the charter boat **Capt. Ben** on Monday, Bill Zeig hooked and landed a 520 pound tiger at the HA. Also, 2 makos were taken this past week on the boat.

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From Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** comes word that the bluefishing continues excellent with big fish of the week a 15 pounder. Smaller fish are closer in to the beach. The 15 plus pound pool fish of the week was caught by Ron Garguillo. Lady anglers taking blues in the 13-14 pound range this week were Madeline Capasso, Wendy Sheridan, Emily Valli and Carolina Catapano. Fish have been hitting bait and chum both day and night and also drifting with diamond jigs during the day has been productive.

From the **Freeport Boatmen's Association**, we learn that the Assoc. boats have been having excellent bluefishing at Cholera plus areas to the east and west. Bonito, false albacore and big king mackerel are also mixed in. Night bluefishing has been very strong at Cholera and Three Sisters. **Super Spray II**, aside from their good bluefish catches at night, has been bringing up a lot of sea bass to five pounds plus solid catches of porgies and blacks on the daily wreck trips. Some flounder are starting in the bay.

From Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** comes a reminder of the tuna tournament being held this Saturday. Call Ronnie for any questions or details on the tournament. Bluefish best at Cholera with different sizes on different days both on top and on the bottom. A few fluke at Merrick Cove, Fundey and the Meadowbrook Bridge areas. Weaks and large blues at the last Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges. Swift and Haunt's Creek on live snappers and bunker. Small flounder are starting. Blacks at all the bridges and T wreck on green crabs. Tuna at the Texas Tower and the SW side of the compass rose.

Sailing out of nearby **Point Lookout**, Capt. Ron Murray of the **Miss Point Lookout** proudly announced the birth of a son, Kyle Benton Murray who weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces. The baby, a keeper, caused great delight to Ron and his wife Debbie. Ron also said that there were good flounder showing this week most days, and the night bluefishing continued to be excellent though Friday night was a downer. Saturday night bounced back and the night bluefishing trips will continue as long as people come down to sail. Many flounder hi-hooks were in the 30's plus bycatches of sea bass and porgies. On Saturday's AM trip, Andy Nelson and Bernie Armstrong had over 70 flounder between them. Peggy Ross took the Sunday AM pool with a 1½ pound flounder. Saturday's PM trip saw a slaughter of flounder and sea bass for all fares. Lookin' good. A recent fluke pool winner which was inadvertently left out of last week's report was Jesse Nevins, a regular on the boat.

Aboard the **Capt. Bill**, Sunday saw great catches on the AM trip. An example was 33 flounder for a regular customer, Rowland of Air France. He also had 20 other mixed fish. The flatties ran ¾ to 1½ pounds. The PM trip was not as good on flounder but was strong on the other bottom feeders such as porgies and sea bass. The ends of the tides have been best on flounder. Flattie action has definitely improved over last week's, fishing the Reynold's Channel and Loop Bridge area, worms working best.

From Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** comes word of Thursday's charter for a bunch of F.B.I. people. The bay produced super sea bass, porgies, flounder, fluke, blowfish and blacks. Reynold's Channel and Long Creek were the spots on clam bait on the flood. Friday's trip trolled 2-4 pound blues on white umbrellas off the pink hotel. Saturday was bay bottom fishing again and the clam bait worked its wonders once more duplicating Thursday's catch. Sunday's trip for the Double T Fishing Club worked Cholera in the morning for good catches of blues on chum and bait, fish 2-5 pounds. In the PM, same size fish were jigged off Gilgo in 50' of water.

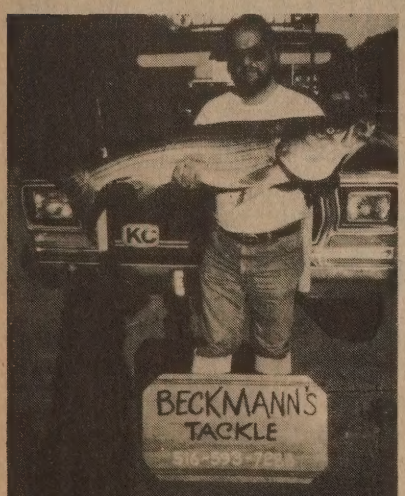
From **Ed's Fishing Station** comes word of lots of porgies and sea bass from Swift Creek, at the Marina and buoys 18 and 19. Some flounder will be found at the C.G. Station and a few fluke at the area of the Golf Course and at the High School. Good blackfishing at the Meadowbrook Bridge Thursday and Friday. Snappers are larger now but fewer in number. Chunking blues at Cholera is

a good number.

The scoop from the **Commodore** out of **Island Park** is that some nice shots of flounder are now being had at Reynold's with a lot of sea bass, porgies, snappers and some fluke mixed in. All fares are getting a solid catch of mixed fish now said Clem. The Point Lookout bridge has produced a lot of bottom action and there are porgies up to a pound in the bay, which is very decent size wise. Trigger fish are also being caught at the A.B. Bridge and on hard bottom at inshore wrecks. Flounder catches were classified as fair, sizes mixed. Please note that the boat is sailing Saturday and Sunday only.

According to **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, Jack Dwojeski, Garden City, fishing the inlet side at West End Thursday afternoon had 12 and 15 pound bluefish taken on a Rebel and a Kastmaster. Other customers had tackle wrecked by big blues in Jones Inlet smashing Hopkin's and Kastmasters. There is some big stuff in that inlet. In Reynolds from the railroad tressel to the Magnolia Blvd. Pier. There are lots of blues up to 16 pounds zapping around under the bunker schools and may be taken on big strip baits. Flounder are still being caught off the Jones Beach Piers and anywhere from West End to the Meadowbrook Bridge on the south side of Sloop Channel. Blackfish have been very obliging at all the inlet jetties and bridges on green and fiddler crabs.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina** we hear of good numbers of blacks, blues and flounder being brought back to the marina by the rental and private boats. Blackfish are being caught at the A.B. Bridge, the Gong buoy and the 28th St. wreck off



A 7" RedFin turned the trick on this 30½ lb. striper for Frank Trupia. The Rosedale surf caster told of dropping three other fish during the morning at Atlantic Beach. Photo courtesy of Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook.

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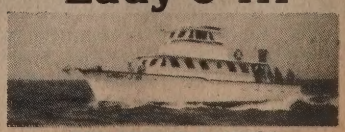

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Al at **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** was happy to say that the blackfish are there in droves at both ends of the Atlantic Beach Bridge and the Silver Point Jetty. Bluefish are being caught at buoy 4 and also from Lido's Pink Hotel to the Sands Beach Club in 30' of water on Umbrellas. The Tin Can has plenty of blues with occasional fluke and weaks. Big blues at the Shrewsberry rocks with some flounder starting at Duck Point on worms.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Tackle** in **East Rockaway** comes word of very good mixed bag action. Plenty of snappers at Bay Park. B.C.C.'s spotty. A few fluke still around. Porgies and pin bass most everywhere in Reynold's. More snappers in East Rockaway Channel. Flounder starting and a few kingfish being caught. Haunt's Creek and the Meadowbrook Bridge area are giving up a few weakfish for those willing to drift worms, chunk bunker, etc. from dawn to dusk. Blues in the bay at night under the bunker.

From **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on **Jamaica Bay** comes word of blackfish on fiddlers and clam off both bridges, with small flounder off both bridges

Andy Young caught this 5½ lb. fluke off of Riis Park aboard the private boat, For Pete Sake. The flattie was weighed at Skippy's Bait and Tackle in E. Rockaway.

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also but starting off small for the fall. Lots of snappers and porgies to be had off both bridges. Bob Kurdziel took a 17¾ pound bass off the Breezy Point Jetty on an outgoing tide, CASTING a bunker spoon late Monday night. Artie Barr had a 17 pound, 4 ounce blue on a whole bunker on outgoing water Thursday off the South Channel Bridge. Mike Giglio socked it to a 10¾ pound weak off the South Channel Bridge on Thursday night along with 8 blues on bunker chunks.

Swinging over to **Sheepshead Bay**, Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** passed the word about plenty of blues both day and night being taken off Manhatten Beach and Coney Island. These are biggies in the 18-20 pound class. Lots of blackfish around the jetties, bridges and mussel banks. A few weaks and bass are being taken at the Tin Can on worms and Nordic Eels. Snappers in abundance all over the bay and lots of porgies at the Tin Can and at Sandy Hook.

From the two trip a day **Pastime II** comes word that fluking has been good for the most part except for the latter part of the week when bad sea and wind conditions kept the catches down. Saturday, as the weather improved so did the fishing. Sparks McNulty was h/h on Saturday's afternoon trip with 8 fluke and 4 blues. The fluke and blue catches should continue right on through the fall. The boat will continue sailing its two trip a day schedule until further notice.

Capt. Butch on the **Zephyr** has now switched over to porgies, sea bass and blackfish due to popular demand. Catches of these tasty bottom feeders has been good for the last two weeks and is now starting to really hum.

On Sunday, the **Dorothy B VII** burlap bags and five gallon buckets were overflowing with porgies up to 2½ pounds. Blackfish also helped round out the catch. Capt. Kevin's father who he has taken the boat over from said that even he did not remember such astounding porgy catches as customers had on Sunday. It was exactly like fishing in a barrel. This whole catch was on one drop on the hook at the Tin Can. Things were good all week long but Sunday was ultra-spectacular.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Despite glum weather forecasts, fine weekend weather gave local Long Island anglers a good shot at all species, with porgies and blackfish highlighting the week's action on the eastern end. Back west, blue fishing remained excellent with some large fish available.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's** in New Rochelle weighed out Dan La Barera's huge 22¼ pound blue taken last week on 12 pound spinning gear. The alligator took a mackerel chunk near buoy 32A off Rye. **Jack's Bait and Tackle** on City Island saw one catch of 20 gorillas to 18 pounds taken on bunker chunks, but Jack Rumpf felt that most of the blues caught locally were much smaller. A few blackfish were available locally for anglers fishing hard baits. Snappers were nice size and porgies and flounder tended to be small.

Phil Nasi at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told us that boat fishermen were doing well on big blues with live bunkers. Blackfishing at Bayville has just gotten started with small tautog under 3 pounds off the beaches. There were no bass around, but snapper action was still strong.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle tried sailing past the Verrazano Bridge for a couple of

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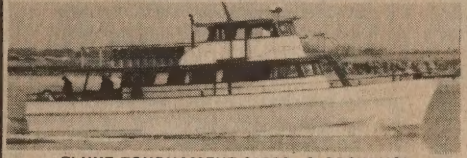

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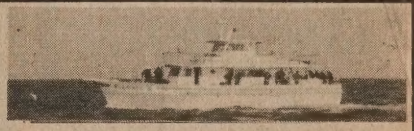

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Billy Collins (left) with a 14 lb. blue and Steven Vogt with 15 pound chopper. Both were taken in L.I. Sound aboard the Huntington open boat, "Ever Ready II."

days during the week and found a lot of smaller blues in that area. On the weekend he returned to the Sound for a good shot at larger fish in the 3 to 8 pound class.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** has a better bite to offer on porgies now. It's a good steady pick of 1/2 to 3/4 pound fish in most areas except for the deeper reefs that yield bursts of 1 to 2 pound scup with an occasional jumbo. The problem is that one day there are 50 to 60 big porgies on a reef, then there are none on the next trip. Cerbone is seeing a few blackfish during the week with some "high" gooks of 5 to 6 tautog to four pounds or more.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** in Huntington spoke of spotty bass action on worms off Eaton's with average fish of 6 to 7 pounds and a few fish to 12 pounds. Big blues were taken on live-lined whole bunker with a 21½ pound gorilla leading the crowd off Huntington Inlet. Blackfish were starting, and fluking is very, very spotty. Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop and Tackle** said that there had been some nice size porgies in good numbers near Eaton's with moring tides the best for the scup. There were blues on top locally on Sunday morning with some 8 to 12 pound fish chasing snappers.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's Tackle** in Northport said that all the action was inside the bay with big blues to 15 pounds from Sand City to the Harbor. Whole bunker rigs are advised, and anglers should figure on dropping roughly 6 fish for every one caught. Those who chummed the channel in 40 to 45 feet of water were rewarded with big porgies. Worms were preferred bait and 3 to 4 ounces

of lead was the usual. Snappers were available off the town dock.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson said that there were still plenty of blues on tap with larger fish off the beach than off buoy 11. Porgies were mediums with a good all day pick in about 40 feet of water. Most of the scup and tautog action was off Oldfield and Cranes.

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** in Mount Sinai said that blackfish were just moving in now although numbers were not great. Chunking was producing some blues from 8 to 15 pounds and there were a lot of small bass in local harbors. Snapper fishing was very good.

The **Angler's Den** reported hot sales of bunker and shiners, which no doubt speaks well for both bluefish and snapper action.

Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready** called to say that both Saturday and Sunday were banner days close to home in the Lloyds-Eaton's area. Blues are 2 to 7 pounds with an occasional larger fish and a rare bass from 8 to 10 pounds taken on jigs off Eaton's.

One of the most exciting pieces of news came from a busman's holiday that Collins took with Pete Pearson out at **Gone Fishing Marina** in Montauk. Aboard Keith Reiter's **Fish Hawk,** Collins whipped a 68 pound bluefin tuna on 12 pound tournament line in about 20 minutes. The fish could be a new line class IGFA record; the catch was made south of Cartwright on Tuesday. Good luck with that one, Packy, those light line records on tuna aren't easy to come by.

NORTH FORK

The Lorias at **Captain Marty's Fishing Station** reported that some summer weaks were still hanging on with some 3 to 4 weaks per boat on incoming water. Porgies were still numerous off the South Race buoys 28 and 29.

Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** told us that good porgies were still available in sizes and numbers out of the Orient Station and off Petty's. Flounder were still east of the station and past the Ferry on the bay side. The showing of blackfish off the Lighthouse were mostly small and fluking had dropped way off with only an occasional stray.

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** told us that blackfish action had picked up east of the station in 30 to 35 feet of water. One fish of nine pounds was taken on hermits. Porgies were still off Coopers and the Water Tower in mixed sizes.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport said that porgy fishing was generally good on most days and that bluefishing to the east was torrid with 150 per boat no problem on jigs. Blackfish action was also quite good.

Details were provided by various local boats. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** was loading up on bluefish, mostly from the Race, and had most of his crowds exhausted by early afternoon. Average size 4 to 8 pound choppers and occasional slammers to 15 pounds were hitting diamond jigs in 8 ounce sizes. Jensen also had a couple of bass to show for his trolling efforts. Jensen was optimistic about early blackfish action, just like everybody. Clark Bellows who's skippering the **Prime Time II** on weekdays (Larry Ciccotto handles the weekends) figures that most of the local tautog are 3 to 4 pounds with a few to 8 or 9 pounds. Weather is really the only limiting factor, and there seems to be about 8 to 10 big tautog on every rock. Flounder fishing has sagged a bit and the big blackfish are yet to come.

John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** showed the Center Fishing Club a nice haul of fish on Sunday with Frank LaMotte's nine pound tautog leading the pool and topping his bag. Rainis likes the same places around Plum Island and will continue to run as an open boat on weekdays.

John Duggan of the **Peconic Star** saw the porgy fishing take a temporary nosedive on Sunday after a very good week. The Sound is producing all the way from Orient to New London and Duggan figures that the scup are just beginning to

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ball up now for the fall. The very good shot at the biggest of porgies down east could be coming up in the next weeks with the best porgy fishing of the year still to come. Duggan tells us that porgy fishing could be good through late October.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The mild northeaster which moved through the area around the middle of last week spurred some fall-like surf action for those lucky enough to be in the right place. The storm seemed made to order for Montauk where fishing has been good ever since for blues, big weaks and some stripers. Elsewhere it was mostly bluefish but in some cases big blues made for some wild action.

West End, Jones Beach produced blues to 18 pounds on Friday evening with casters working the jetty. The fish were also taken, according to some reliable sources, on Thursday evening and Saturday morning. With scores of casters on hand Sunday morning, the fishing failed to materialize. The back side of Jones Inlet also had its quota of teen size blues on Friday and Saturday nights. The fish were riding herd on schools of bunker with casters snagging bunker on the spot and livelining them out into the tide. Big swimming plugs like the Musso and Danny also took some fish. Here again, the action died on Sunday.

Hays Tieman of **The Store** at **Oak Beach** spoke of a few big blues into the teens at Gilgo in recent days. The bunker chunks accounted for fish up to 17½ pounds. That fish being taken by John Fritz from the Farragut Striper Club Saturday night. There was a flurry of action with smaller blues on plugs earlier in the week but it was short lived.

Robert Moses State Park was the scene of a bluefish blitz on Wednesday. Great South Bay Anglers Club member Mark Reuschel told of having fish on nearly every cast between 3:30 PM and dark from the Buggy entrance down to democrat. Mark took his fish on Pencil Poppers but anything took fish. The blues ran from 4-7 pounds. Sunday evening schools of bunker moved along the Moses shore between parking field #4 and Democrat but they were passing by unmolested. There was some action with small blues and striped bass at parking field #4 on Thursday morning. A few small blues were taken Friday morning by "Little Mike" and Billy Laghezza.

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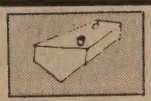
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produced good action with blues to 5 pounds for casters working from the west side of Moriches Inlet through Smith Point Park. Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that his dad, Paul, Sr., up from Florida on a vacation, along with John and Rocky put 30 blues on the beach Tuesday. Bruce Foerster dragged bass of 34½ and 16½ pounds into the shop on Friday morning. Both were taken on live eels from the Shinnecock Inlet jetty.

Speaking of Shinnecock, Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton** said that the northeast winds triggered good bluefish action on both sides of the inlet this week. Both poppers and tins accounted for blues into the 5 pound class. A few small bass were mixed in on some days.

Montauk looked like its old self again according to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**. Fishing was good most of the week and weekend with the exception of late Friday and early Saturday when a strong SE wind a big heave made fishing difficult. Blues in the 4-7 pound class roam the south side beaches most of the week with the Hither Hills area being the focal point of the action. Thursday evening saw fish spread from Hither Hills to Ditch Plains and although there were no birds or fish showing, nearly every cast with a popper or tin produced a fish. John and his wife could vouch for the action because they cashed in on the fishing. Prior to the weekend, incoming water produced good action with weaks and bass from schoolies to 15 pounds. As the tide came around, north bar took over as a productive spot with good action there on Sunday night. Dennis O'Connel and Bob Higgins were among those who did well at the point over the weekend. Sunday afternoon saw blues spread from the lighthouse to North Bar for a period of several hours.

North shore fishing was restricted somewhat during the week by northeast winds royled water. Towards the weekend, fishing gathered momentum, however, with bluefish the primary source of action. Phil Nasi of **Glen Cove Sports Shop** said that casters using bunker chunks from the Hempstead Harbor breakwater have been banging away at 10-12 pound blues. It was left to George Schim to cull a real gorilla out of the batch. His huge chopper checked in at 19 pounds, 9 ounces.

Sunken Meadow State Park, despite less than ideal conditions surrendered a bunch of blues to a couple of casters Thursday morning. One of those, Neil Slueter, said that eelworms and poppers received immediate action from blues to 5 pounds at the mouth of the Nissequogue River.

The Rocky Point area has been enjoying almost daily flurries of 1-3 pound blues mornings and evenings. Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that ¾ ounce pencil poppers, 1 ounce Polaris plugs and 1 ounce spoon jigs have been the hottest items in this area. School bass in the 16-18" range are mixed with the blues and are also being taken after dark from area beaches on Redfins and Rebels. An occasional larger blue up to 8 pounds spices the action.

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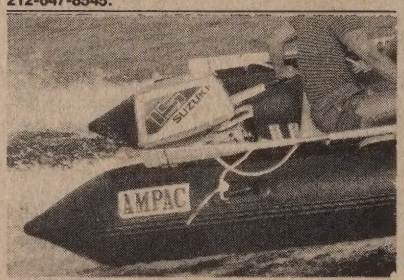

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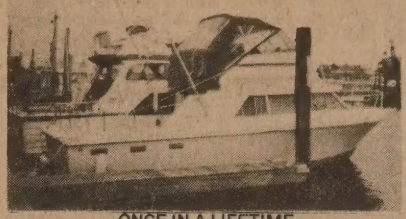

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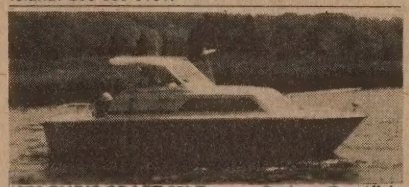

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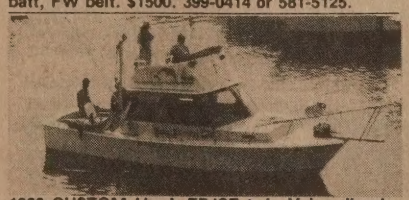

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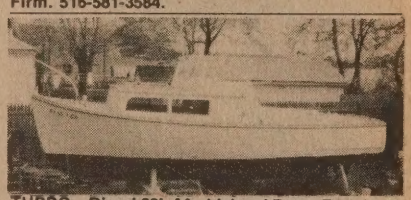

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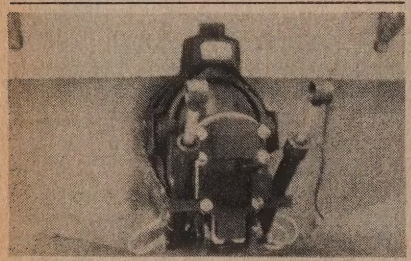

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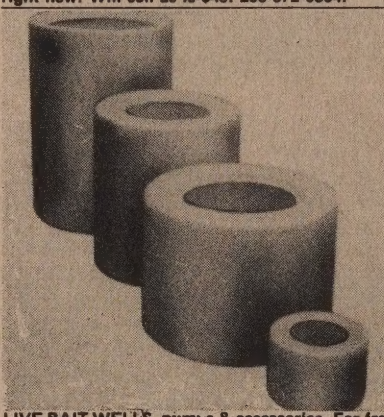

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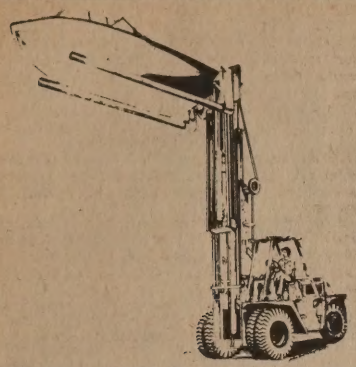

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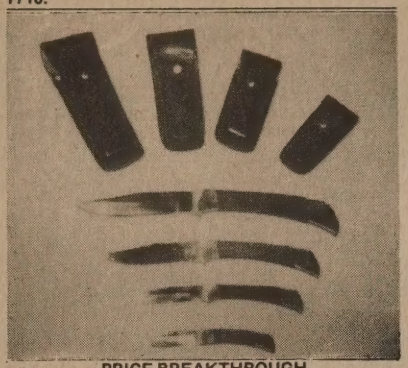

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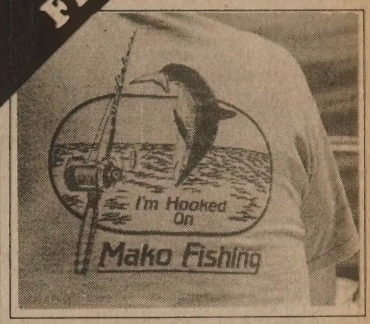

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